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Quotations

Adolescence

'Tis true, your budding Miss is very charming,
But shy and awkward at first coming out,
So much alarm'd, that she is quite alarming,
All Giggle, Blush; half Pertness and half Pout; And
glancing at Mamma, for fear there's harm in
What you, she, it, or they, may be about,
The nursery still leaps out in all they utter;
Besides, they always smell of bread and butter.

Lord Byron

❁ ❁ ❁

Adulthood

An adult is one who has ceased to grow vertically but not horizontally.

Anonymous.

❁ ❁ ❁

How many roads must a man walk down
Before you call him a man?

Bob Dylan

❁ ❁ ❁

Men come of age at sixty, women at fifteen.

James Stephens

❁ ❁ ❁

If this was adulthood the only improvement she could detect in her situation was that she could now eat dessert without eating her vegetables.

Lisa Alther

❁ ❁ ❁

Age

Like everyone else who makes the mistake of getting older, I begin each day with coffee and obituaries.

Bill Cosby

❁ ❁ ❁

The time of the psychological passing over from boyhood to manhood is a movable feast. The legal date fixed on the twenty-first birthday has little or no connection with it. There are men in their teens, and there are boys in their forties.

James Weldon Johnson

❁ ❁ ❁

Age doesn't protect you from love. But love, to some extent, protects you from age.

Jeanne Moreau

❁ ❁ ❁

Confidence is a plant of slow growth in an aged bosom.

William Pitt the Elder

❁ ❁ ❁

A green old age, unconscious of decays,
That proves the hero born in better days.

Alexander Pope

❁ ❁ ❁

Venus, take my votive glass;
Since I am not what I was,
What from this day I shall be,

Venus, let me never see.

Matthew Prior

❁ ❁ ❁

Every man over forty is a scoundrel.

George Bernard Shaw

❁ ❁ ❁

He has spent all his life in letting down empty buckets into empty wells; and he is frittering away his age in trying to draw them up again.

Sydney Smith

❁ ❁ ❁

Oh if only Jupiter would give me back my past years.

Virgil

❁ ❁ ❁

I haven't asked you to make me young again. All I want is to go on getting older.

Konrad Adenauer

❁ ❁ ❁

Take a close-up of a woman past sixty! You might as well use a picture of a relief map of Ireland!

Nancy Astor

❁ ❁ ❁

Age will not be defied.

Francis Bacon

❁ ❁ ❁

Therefore I summon age

To grant youth's heritage.

Robert Browning

❁ ❁ ❁

Ah well, perhaps one has to be very old before one learns how to be amused rather than shocked.

Pearl Buck

❁ ❁ ❁

John Anderson, my jo, John,
When we were first acquent,
Your locks were like the raven,
Your bonnie brow was brent.

Robert Burns

❁ ❁ ❁

A lady of a "certain age", which means
Certainly aged.

Lord Byron

❁ ❁ ❁

Alas, after a certain age every man is responsible for his face.

Albert Camus

❁ ❁ ❁

I prefer old age to the alternative.

Maurice Chevalier

❁ ❁ ❁

One doesn't recognize in one's life the really important moments—not until it's too late.

Agatha Christie

❁ ❁ ❁

An archaeologist is the best husband any woman can have: the older she gets, the more interested he is in her.

Agatha Christie

❁ ❁ ❁

Old-age, a second child, by Nature cursed
With more and greater evils than the first,
Weak, sickly, full of pains, in ev'ry breath
Railing at life, and yet afraid of death.

Charles Churchill

❁ ❁ ❁

When a man fell into his anecdotage it was a sign for him to retire from the world.

Benjamin Disraeli

❁ ❁ ❁

If only youth knew, if only age could.

Henri Estienne

❁ ❁ ❁

At sixteen I was stupid, confused, insecure, and indecisive. At twenty-five I was wise, self-confident, prepossessing, and assertive. At forty-five I am stupid, confused, insecure, and indecisive. Who would have supposed that maturity is only a short break in adolescence?

Jules Feiffer

❁ ❁ ❁

At twenty years of age, the will reigns; at thirty, the

wit; and at forty, the judgment.

Benjamin

❁ ❁ ❁

He cannot bear old men's jokes. That is not new. But now he begins to think of them himself.

Max Frisch

❁ ❁ ❁

She may very well pass for forty-three
In the dusk, with a light behind her!

W. S. Gilbert

❁ ❁ ❁

Youth will come here and beat on my door, and force its way in.

Henrik Ibsen

❁ ❁ ❁

Whenever a man's friends begin to compliment him about looking young, he may be sure that they think he is growing old.

Washington Irving

❁ ❁ ❁

It is so comic to hear oneself called old, even at ninety I suppose!

Alice James

❁ ❁ ❁

There is a wicked inclination in most people to suppose an old man decayed in his intellects. If a young or middle-aged man, when leaving a company, does not recollect where he laid his hat, it

is nothing; but if the same inattention is discovered in an old man, people will shrug up their shoulders, and say, 'His memory is going.'

Samuel Johnson

❁ ❁ ❁

Among all my patients in the second half of life...there has not been one whose problem in the last resort was not that of finding a religious outlook on life.

Carl Gustav Jung

❁ ❁ ❁

It is sobering to consider that when Mozart was my age he had already been dead for a year.

Tom Lehrer

❁ ❁ ❁

I'm one of the ruins that Cromwell knocked about a bit.

Marie Lloyd

❁ ❁ ❁

Being seventy is not a sin.

Golda Meir

❁ ❁ ❁

Age will bring all things, and everyone knows, Madame, that twenty is no age to be a prude.

Molière

❁ ❁ ❁

Each generation imagines itself to be more intelligent than the one that went before it, and wiser

than the one that comes after it.

George Orwell

❁ ❁ ❁

At 50, everyone has the face he deserves.

George Orwell

❁ ❁ ❁

Darling, I am growing old,
Silver threads among the gold.

Eben Rexford

❁ ❁ ❁

The young have aspirations that never come to pass, the old have reminiscences of what never happened. It's only the middle-aged who are really conscious of their limitations.

Saki

❁ ❁ ❁

When I was young, I was told: "You'll see, when you're fifty." I am fifty and I haven't seen a thing.

Erik Satie

❁ ❁ ❁

Being over seventy is like being engaged in a war. All our friends are going or gone and we survive amongst the dead and the dying as on a battlefield.

Muriel Spark

❁ ❁ ❁

One's prime is elusive. You little girls, when you grow up, must be on the alert to recognize your prime at whatever time of your life it may occur. You

must then live it to the full.

Muriel Spark

❁ ❁ ❁

I was born old and get younger every day. At present I am sixty years young.

Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree

❁ ❁ ❁

It is charming to totter into vogue.

Horace Walpole

❁ ❁ ❁

No woman should ever be quite accurate about her age. It looks so calculating.

Oscar Wilde

❁ ❁ ❁

One that is ever kind said yesterday:
"Your well-belovèd's hair has threads of grey,
And little shadows come about her eyes."

W. B. Yeats

❁ ❁ ❁

I refuse to admit that I am more than fifty-two, even if that does make my sons illegitimate.

Nancy Astor

❁ ❁ ❁

I think your whole life shows in your face and you should be proud of that.

Lauren Bacall

❁ ❁ ❁

All that the young can do for the old is to shock them

and keep them up to date.

George Bernard Shaw

❁ ❁ ❁

God has forgotten me.

Jeanne Calment

❁ ❁ ❁

The years that a woman subtracts from her age are not lost. They are added to the ages of other women.

Diane de Poitiers

❁ ❁ ❁

Man arrives as a novice at each age of his life.

Nicolas Chamfort

❁ ❁ ❁

We do not necessarily improve with age: for better or worse we become more like ourselves.

Peter Hall

❁ ❁ ❁

The four stages of man are infancy, childhood, adolescence, and obsolescence.

Art Linkletter

❁ ❁ ❁

As we get older we do not get any younger.
Seasons return, and today I am fifty-five,
And this time last year I was fifty-four,
And this time next year I shall be sixty-two.

Henry Reed

❁ ❁ ❁

Will you still need me, will you still feed me
When I'm sixty-four?

John Lennon

❁ ❁ ❁

I think middle age is the best time, if we can escape the fatty degeneration of the conscience which often sets in at about fifty.

William Ralph Inge

❁ ❁ ❁

It is the misfortune of an old man that though he can put things out of his head he can't put them out of his feelings.

Joyce Cary

❁ ❁ ❁

You grew old first not in your own eyes, but in other people's eyes; then, slowly, you agreed with their opinion of you.

Julian Barnes

❁ ❁ ❁

According to the doctors, I'm only suffering from a light form of premature baldness.

Federico Fellini

❁ ❁ ❁

I learned that falsifying this one fact about my life made me feel phoney, ridiculous, complicit, and, worst of all, undermined by my own hand.

Gloria Steinem

❁ ❁ ❁

Having wrinkles is at once strange and exciting.

Meryl Streep

❁ ❁ ❁

For me, there was always this part of the brain reliably devoted to sex. Now there is this whole part of your brain which is freed up.

Gloria Steinem

❁ ❁ ❁

I'm playing as well as I ever have in my career. It's just hard to get out of bed in the morning.

Martina Navratilova

❁ ❁ ❁

What Youth deemed crystal, Age finds out was dew.

Robert Browning

❁ ❁ ❁

BENEDICK Doth not the appetite alter? A man loves the meat in his youth that he cannot endure in his age.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

Crabbed age and youth cannot live together:
Youth is full of pleasure, age is full of care;
Youth like summer morn, age like winter weather;
Youth like summer brave, age like winter bare.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

Alonso of Aragon was wont to say in commendation of age, that age appears to be best in four

things—old wood best to burn, old wine to drink, old friends to trust, and old authors to read.

Francis Bacon

Age is deformed, youth unkind,
We scorn their bodies, they our mind.

Thomas Bastard

I have been young, and now am not too old;
And I have seen the righteous forsaken,
His health, his honour and his quality taken
...This is not what we formerly were told.

Edmund Charles Blunden

Dear dead women, with such hair, too—what's become of all tne gold
Used to hang and brush their bosoms? I feel chilly and grown old.

Robert Browning

Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first was made:
Our times are in His hand
Who saith, "A whole I planned,

Youth shows but half; trust God: see all, nor be afraid!"

Robert Browning

❁ ❁ ❁

The arrogance of age must submit to be taught by youth.

Edmund Burke

❁ ❁ ❁

I am ashes where once I was fire.

Lord Byron

❁ ❁ ❁

My days are in the yellow leaf;
The flowers and fruits of love are gone;
The worm, the canker, and the grief
Are mine alone!

Lord Byron

❁ ❁ ❁ died at the age of 46.

Years steal
Fire from the mind as vigour from the limb,
And life's enchanted cup but sparkles near the brim.

Lord Byron

❁ ❁ ❁

He that loves a rosy cheek,
Or a coral lip admires,
Or, from star-like eyes, doth seek

Fuel to maintain his fires;
As old Time makes these decay,
So his flames must waste away.

Thomas Carew

❁ ❁ ❁

Young men think old men are fools; but old men know young men are fools.

George Chapman

❁ ❁ ❁

Train up a fig-tree in the way it should go, and when you are old sit under the shade of it.

Charles Dickens

❁ ❁ ❁

To everybody's prejudice I know a thing or two;
I can tell a woman's age in half a minute—and I do!

W. S. Gilbert

❁ ❁ ❁

How long can you be cute?

Goldie Hawn

❁ ❁ ❁

A poor, weak, palsy-stricken, churchyard thing.

John Keats

❁ ❁ ❁

On his last legs.

Thomas Middleton

❁ ❁ ❁

How soon hath time the subtle thief of youth,
Stol'n on his wing my three and twentieth year!

John Milton

❁ ❁ ❁

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Be near me when my light is low,
When the blood creeps, and the nerves prick
And tingle; and the heart is sick,
And all the wheels of Being slow.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

❁ ❁ ❁

I envy not in any moods
The captive void of noble rage,
The linnet born within the cage,
That never knew the summer woods.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

❁ ❁ ❁

Our little systems have their day;
They have their day and cease to be.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

❁ ❁ ❁

But what am I?
An infant crying in the night:
An infant crying for the light:
And with no language but a cry.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

❁ ❁ ❁

Sleep, Death's twin-brother, knows not Death,

Nor can I dream of thee as dead.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

❁ ❁ ❁

Bed

And so to bed.

Samuel Pepys

❁ ❁ ❁

It isn't the ecstatic leap across that I deplore, it's the weary trudge home.

Anonymous.

❁ ❁ ❁

Believe me, you have to get up early if you want to get out of bed.

Groucho Marx

❁ ❁ ❁

The cool kindliness of sheets, that soon
Smooth away trouble; and the rough male kiss of blankets.

Rupert Brooke

❁ ❁ ❁

O bed! O bed! delicious bed!
That heaven upon earth to the weary head!

Thomas Hood

❁ ❁ ❁

Beginning

A bad beginning makes a bad ending.

Euripides

❁ ❁ ❁

To have begun is half the job: be bold and be sensible.

Horace

❁ ❁ ❁

If you really want to hear about it, the first thing you'll probably want to know is where I was born and what my lousy childhood was like, and how my parents were occupied and all before they had me, and all that David Copperfield kind of crap.

J. D. Salinger

❁ ❁ ❁

Which beginning of time according to our Chronologie, fell upon the entrance of the night preceding the twenty third day of Octob., in the year of the Julian Calendar, 710.

James Ussher

❁ ❁ ❁

The distance doesn't matter; it is only the first step that is the most difficult.

Marie du Deffand

❁ ❁ ❁

With the possible exception of the equator, everything begins somewhere.

Peter Fleming

❁ ❁ ❁

Such grace had kings when the world begun!

Robert Browning

❁ ❁ ❁

Everything from an egg.

William Harvey

❁ ❁ ❁

Being

I think, therefore I am.

René Descartes

❁ ❁ ❁

Whatever this is that I am, it is a little flesh and breath, and the ruling part.

Marcus Aurelius Antoninus

❁ ❁ ❁

Bereavement

And the stately ships go on
To their haven under the hill;
But O for the touch of a vanish'd hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still!

Alfred Lord Tennyson

❁ ❁ ❁

Come not, when I am dead
To drop thy foolish tears upon my grave,
To trample round my fallen head,
And vex the unhappy dust thou wouldst not save.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

❁ ❁ ❁

She, she is dead; she's dead; when thou know'st this,
Thou know'st how dry a cinder this world is.

John Donne

❁ ❁ ❁

Thee Shepherd, thee the woods, and desert caves,
With wild thyme and the gadding vine o'ergrown,
And all their echoes mourn.

John Milton

❁ ❁ ❁

Yet once more, O ye laurels, and once more
Ye myrtles brown, with ivy never sere,
I come to pluck your berries harsh and crude,
And with forced fingers rude,
Shatter your leaves before the mellowing year.

John Milton

❁ ❁ ❁

Grief has turned her fair.

Oscar Wilde

❁ ❁ ❁

Bertrand Russell

In trying to recall his face I am able to see it only in profile—the sharp, narrow silhouette of an aggressive jester.

Arthur Koestler

❁ ❁ ❁

Birth

MACBETH I bear a charmed life, which must not yield
To one of woman born.
MACDUFF Despair thy charm;
And let the angel whom thou still hast serv'd

Tell thee Macduff was from his mother's womb
Untimely ripp'd.

William Shakespeare

My mother groan'd, my father wept,
Into the dangerous world I leapt;
Helpless, naked, piping loud,
Like a fiend hid in a cloud.

William Blake

Man alone at the very moment of his birth, cast naked upon the naked earth, does she abandon to cries and lamentations.

Pliny the Elder

No man is born unto himself alone;
Who lives unto himself, he lives to none.

Francis Quarles

Birth may be a matter of a moment. But it is a unique one.

Frédérick Leboyer

I'll simply say here that I was born Beatrice Gladys Lillie at an extremely tender age because my mother needed a fourth at meals.

Beatrice Lillie

Dear Mary, We all knew you had it in you.

Dorothy Parker

❁ ❁ ❁

"Who was your mother?" "Never had none!" said the child, with another grin. "Never had any mother? What do you mean? Where were you born?" "Never was born!" persisted Topsy.

Harriet Beecher Stowe

❁ ❁ ❁

The history of man for the nine months preceding his birth would, probably, be far more interesting and contain events of greater moment than all the three-score and ten years that follow it.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

❁ ❁ ❁

To hinder a birth is merely speedier man-killing; nor does it matter whether you take away a life that is born, or destroy one that is coming to the birth. That is a man which is going to be one; you have the fruit already in its seed.

Tertullian

❁ ❁ ❁

Man always dies before he is fully born.

Erich Fromm

❁ ❁ ❁

Man's main task in life is to give birth to himself.

Erich Fromm

❁ ❁ ❁

Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting:
The Soul that rises with us, our life's Star,
Hath had elsewhere its setting,
And cometh from afar:
Not in entire forgetfulness,
And not in utter nakedness,
But trailing clouds of glory do we come
From God, who is our home.

William Wordsworth

❁ ❁ ❁

I was born in 1896, and my parents were married in 1919.

J. R. Ackerley

❁ ❁ ❁

I came upstairs into the world; for I was born in a cellar.

William Congreve

❁ ❁ ❁

No man who knows aught, can be so stupid to deny that all men naturally were born free.

John Milton

❁ ❁ ❁

Boredom

Is not life a hundred times too short for us to bore ourselves?

Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

❁ ❁ ❁

Any event is welcome in prison, even the threat of

cerebro-spinal meningitis and unpleasant needle jabs.

Wole Soyinka

❁ ❁ ❁

When you're bored with yourself, marry and be bored with someone else.

Edward VIII

❁ ❁ ❁

And what so tedious as a twice-told tale.

Alexander Pope

❁ ❁ ❁

In reality, killing time
Is only the name for another of the multifarious ways
By which Time kills us.

Sir Osbert Sitwell

❁ ❁ ❁

The feeling of Sunday is the same everywhere, heavy, melancholy, standing still. Like when they say, "As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end."

Jean Rhys

❁ ❁ ❁

He is not only dull in himself, but the cause of dullness in others.

Samuel Foote

❁ ❁ ❁

BORE, n. A person who talks when you wish him to listen.

Ambrose Bierce

❁ ❁ ❁

Neither principalities nor powers should force me into the drawing-room, where sat the three unhappy women of my party, being entertained within an inch of their lives by Mrs McRory.

E. I. Somerville

❁ ❁ ❁

LEWIS Life is as tedious as a twice-told tale
Vexing the dull ear of a drowsy man.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

The dreadful burden of having nothing to do.

Nicolas Boileau-Despréaux

❁ ❁ ❁

Boredom is...a vital problem for the moralist, since half the sins of mankind are caused by the fear of it.

Bertrand Russell

❁ ❁ ❁

Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon.

Susan Ertz

❁ ❁ ❁

I'm so bored with it all.

Winston Churchill

❁ ❁ ❁

By his very success in inventing labor-saving devices modern man has manufactured an abyss of boredom that only the privileged classes in earlier

civilizations have ever fathomed.

Lewis Mumford

❁ ❁ ❁

How dull it is to pause, to make an end,
To rust unburnish'd, not to shine in use
As tho' to breathe were life.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

❁ ❁ ❁

Dear World, I am leaving you because I am bored. I am leaving you with your worries. Good luck.

George Sanders

❁ ❁ ❁

I think they do that to pass the time, nothing more. But time is too large, it refuses to let itself be filled up.

Jean-Paul Sartre

❁ ❁ ❁

Nothing happens, nobody comes, nobody goes, it's awful!

Samuel Beckett

❁ ❁ ❁

We were as nearly bored as enthusiasm would permit.

Edmund Gosse

❁ ❁ ❁

You ought not to be ashamed of being bored. What you ought to be ashamed of is being boring.

Lord Hailsham

❁ ❁ ❁

Boredom provides a stronger inclination to write than anything.

Vikram Seth

❁ ❁ ❁

Society is now one polish'd horde,
Form'd of two mighty tribes, the Bores and Bored.

Lord Byron

❁ ❁ ❁

Boys

Show me a man who has enjoyed his school days and I'll show you a bully and a bore.

Robert Morley

❁ ❁ ❁

Ears like bombs and teeth like splinters:
A blitz of a boy is Timothy Winters.

Charles Causley

❁ ❁ ❁

Boys do not grow up gradually. They move forward in spurts like the hands of clocks in railway stations.

Cyril Connolly

❁ ❁ ❁

Boys are capital fellows in their own way, among their mates; but they are unwholesome companions for grown people.

Charles Lamb

❁ ❁ ❁

And six little Singing-boys,—dear little souls!

In nice clean faces, and nice white stoles.

Richard Harris Barham

❁ ❁ ❁

I am fond of children (except boys).

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

I only know two sorts of boys. Mealy boys, and beef-faced boys.

Charles Dickens

❁ ❁ ❁

Certainty

POSITIVE, adj. Mistaken at the top of one's voice.

Ambrose Bierce

❁ ❁ ❁

Ther can no great smoke arise, but there must be some fire.

John Lyly

❁ ❁ ❁

The mind longs for certainty, and perhaps it longs most for a certainty which clubs it down. What the mind can understand, what it can ploddingly prove and approve, might be what it most despises.

Julian Barnes

❁ ❁ ❁

When nothing is sure, everything is possible.

Margaret Drabble

❁ ❁ ❁

To those waiting with bated breath for that favourite

media catchphrase, the U-turn, I have only one thing to say.
U-turn if you want to. The lady's not for turning.

Margaret Thatcher

Fool! All that is, at all,
Lasts ever, past recall;
Earth changes, but thy soul and God stand sure.

Robert Browning

Even forever comes to an end.

Rosa Guy

She was one of the people who say, "I don't know anything about music really,but I know what I like".

Sir Max Beerbohm

Of that there is no manner of doubt—
No probable, possible shadow of doubt—
No possible doubt whatever.

W. S. Gilbert

Childhood

Supposing Pooh, said Piglet, we were walking in the forest and a tree fell on us. Supposing it didn't, said Pooh after careful consideration.

A. A. Milne

They're changing guard at Buckingham Palace—
Christopher Robin went down with Alice.
Alice is marrying one of the guard.
"A soldier's life is terrible hard,"
Says Alice.

A. A. Milne

Time for a little something.

A. A. Milne

CHILDHOOD, n. The period of human life intermediate between the idiocy of infancy and the folly of youth—two removes from the sin of manhood and three from the remorse of age.

Ambrose Bierce

INFANCY, n. The period of our lives when, according to Wordsworth, "Heaven lies about us." The world begins lying about us pretty soon afterwards.

Ambrose Bierce

Prejudice is planted in childhood, learnt like table manners and cadences of speech, nurtured through fictions like Uncle Tom's Cabin and Gone With the Wind.

Beryl Bainbridge

Does the Spearmint Lose Its Flavor on the Bedpost Overnight?

Billy Rose

❁ ❁ ❁

I wish I'd been a mixed infant.

Brendan Behan

❁ ❁ ❁

One stops being a child when one realizes that telling one's trouble does not make it better.

Cesare Pavese

❁ ❁ ❁

I have had playmates, I have had companions
In my days of childhood, in my joyful schooldays—
All, all are gone, the old familiar faces.

Charles Lamb

❁ ❁ ❁

Childhood is the kingdom where nobody dies.
Nobody that matters, that is.

Edna St. Vincent Millay

❁ ❁ ❁

At every step the child should be allowed to meet the real experiences of life; the thorns should never be plucked from his roses.

Ellen Key

❁ ❁ ❁

Once I had learnt my twelve times table (at the age of three) it was downhill all the way.

Fred Hoyle

❁ ❁ ❁

Part of the reason for the ugliness of adults, in a child's eyes, is that the child is usually looking upwards, and few faces are at their best when seen from below.

George Orwell

By the shore of Gitche Gumee,
By the shining Big-Sea-Water,
Stood the wigwam of Nokomis,
Daughter of the Moon, Nokomis
Dark behind it rose the forest,
Rose the black and gloomy pine-trees,
Rose the firs with cones upon them;
Bright before it beat the water,
Beat the clear and sunny water,
Beat the shining Big-Sea-Water.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I call you bad, my little child,
Upon the title page,
Because a manner rude and wild
Is common at your age.

Hilaire Belloc

Alas! That such affected tricks
Should flourish in a child of six!

Hilaire Belloc

The most devilish thing is 8 times 8 and 7 times 7 it is what nature itself cant endure.

Marjory Fleming

❁ ❁ ❁

I was launched into this vale of tears on the 7th of June 1825, at Longworth in Berkshire. Before I was four months old, my mother was taken to a better world, and so I started crookedly.

R.D. Blackmore

❁ ❁ ❁

One of the most obvious facts about grown-ups to a child is that they have forgotten what it is like to be a child.

Randall Jarrell

❁ ❁ ❁

I heard the church bells hollowing out the sky,
Deep beyond deep, like never-ending stars,
And turned to Archibald, my safe old bear,
Whose woollen eyes looked sad or glad at me.

Sir John Betjeman

❁ ❁ ❁

The dread of beatings! Dread of being late!
And greatest dread of all, the dread of games!

Sir John Betjeman

❁ ❁ ❁

Thank you, madam, the agony is abated.

Thomas Babington Macaulay

❁ ❁ ❁

Political history is far too criminal and pathological to be a fit subject of study for the young. Children should acquire their heroes and villains from fiction.

W. H. Auden

❁ ❁ ❁

When my mother died I was very young,
And my Father sold me while yet my tongue
Could scarcely cry, "'weep! 'weep! 'weep! 'weep!"
So your chimneys I sweep, & in soot I sleep.

William Blake

❁ ❁ ❁

When the voices of children are heard on the green,
And laughing is heard on the hill.

William Blake

❁ ❁ ❁

There was a time when meadow, grove, and stream,
The earth, and every common sight,
To me did seem
Apparelled in celestial light,
The glory and the freshness of a dream.

William Wordsworth

❁ ❁ ❁

Whither is fled the visionary gleam?
Where is it now, the glory and the dream?

William Wordsworth

❁ ❁ ❁

Three years she grew in sun and shower,
Then Nature said, "A lovelier flower

On earth was never sown;
This child I to myself will take;
She shall be mine, and I will make
A Lady of my own."

William Wordsworth

❁ ❁ ❁

Sweet childish days, that were as long
As twenty days are now.

William Wordsworth

❁ ❁ ❁

Conscience

There is no refuge from confession but suicide; and suicide is confession.

Daniel Webster

❁ ❁ ❁

He was greatly pained at how little he was pained by the events of the afternoon.

Evelyn Waugh

❁ ❁ ❁

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience.

George Washington

❁ ❁ ❁

Conscience is the inner voice that warns us somebody may be looking.

H. L. Mencken

❁ ❁ ❁

Those who follow their conscience directly are of my

religion; and, for my part, I am of the same religion as all those who are brave and true.

Henri IV

Evil societies always kill their consciences.

James L. Farmer

Now my innocence begins to weigh me down.

Jean Baptiste Racine

All a man can betray is his conscience.

Joseph Conrad

I cannot and will not cut my conscience to fit this year's fashions, even though I long ago came to the conclusion that I was not a political person and could have no comfortable place in any political group.

Lillian Hellman

Conscience is a coward, and those faults it has not strength enough to prevent it seldom has justice enough to accuse.

Oliver Goldsmith

Why should not Conscience have Vacation
As well as other Courts o' th' Nation?

Samuel Butler

Conscience is the internal perception of the rejection of a particular wish operating within us.

Sigmund Freud

❁ ❁ ❁

There is another man within me, that's angry with me, rebukes, commands, and dastards me.

Thomas Browne

❁ ❁ ❁

The disease of an evil conscience is beyond the practice of all the physicians of all the countries in the world.

William Ewart Gladstone

❁ ❁ ❁

WOLSEY A peace above all earthly dignities,
A still and quiet conscience.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

DOCTOR Foul whisperings are abroad. Unnatural deeds
Do breed unnatural troubles; infected minds
To their deaf pillows will discharge their secrets;
More needs she the divine than the physician.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

KING RICHARD My conscience hath a thousand several tongues,
And every tongue brings in several tale,

And every tale condemns me for a villain.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

GHOST Taint not thy mind, nor let thy soul contrive
Against thy mother aught. Leave her to heaven
And to those thorns that in her bosom lodge
To prick and sting her.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

Creativity

Not to go back, is somewhat to advance,
And men must walk at least before they dance.

Alexander Pope

❁ ❁ ❁

They gave me star treatment because I was making a lot of money. But I was just as good when I was poor.

Bob Marley

❁ ❁ ❁

Contradictions if well understood and managed can spark off the fires of invention. Orthodoxy whether of the right or of the left is the graveyard of creativity.

Chinua Achebe

❁ ❁ ❁

Nothing grows well in the shade of a big tree.

Constantin Brancusi

❁ ❁ ❁

The worst crime is to leave a man's hands empty.

Men are born makers, with that primal simplicity
in every maker since Adam. This is pre-history.

Derek Walcott

❁ ❁ ❁

Mountains will heave in childbirth, and a silly little mouse will be born.

Horace

❁ ❁ ❁

Every animal leaves traces of what it was; man alone leaves traces of what he created.

Jacob Bronowski

❁ ❁ ❁

Those first songs I wrote, I was just taking notes at a fantastic rock concert that was going on inside my head.

Jim Morrison

❁ ❁ ❁

By viewing Nature, Nature's handmaid, art,
Makes mighty things from small beginnings grow.

John Dryden

❁ ❁ ❁

The planets in their station listening stood,
While the bright pomp ascended jubilant.
Open, ye everlasting gates, they sung,
Open, ye heavens, your living doors; let in
The great creator from his work returned
Magnificent, his six days' work, a world.

John Milton

❁ ❁ ❁

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

Joyce Kilmer

❁ ❁ ❁

Happiness is beneficial for the body, but it is grief that develops the powers of the mind.

Marcel Proust

❁ ❁ ❁

Human salvation lies in the hands of the creatively maladjusted.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

❁ ❁ ❁

Originality is the essence of true scholarship. Creativity is the soul of the true scholar.

Nnamdi Azikiwe

❁ ❁ ❁

"Who is the Potter, pray, and who the Pot?"

Omar Khayyám

❁ ❁ ❁

Just now I've taen the fit o' rhyme,
My barmie noddle's working prime.

Robert Burns

❁ ❁ ❁

I have great belief in the fact that whenever there is chaos, it creates wonderful thinking. I consider chaos a gift.

Septima Poinsette Clark

❁ ❁ ❁

There is little place in the political scheme of things for an independent, creative personality, for a fighter. Anyone who takes that role must pay a price.

Shirley Chisholm

❁ ❁ ❁

The white man knows how to make everything, but he does not know how to distribute it.

Sitting Bull

❁ ❁ ❁

Yes, creation comes out more beautiful from a form rebellious to work, verse, marble, onyx, or enamel.

Théophile Gautier

❁ ❁ ❁

Every great and original writer, in proportion as he is great and original, must himself create the taste by which he is to be relished.

William Wordsworth

❁ ❁ ❁

Death And Dying

Eyes the shady night has shut
Cannot see the record cut,
And silence sounds no worse than cheers
After earth has stopped the ears.

A. E. Housman

❁ ❁ ❁

Shot? so quick, so clean an ending?
Oh that was right, lad, that was brave.

A. E. Housman

❁ ❁ ❁

When I am dead, my dearest,

Sing no sad songs for me;
Plant thou no roses at my head,
Nor shady cypress tree:
Be the green grass above me
With showers and dewdrops wet;
And if thou wilt, remember,
And if thou wilt, forget.

Christina Rossetti

❁ ❁ ❁

Cut is the branch that might have grown full straight,
And burned is Apollo's laurel bough,
That sometime grew within this learned man.

Christopher Marlowe

❁ ❁ ❁

O pity the dead that are dead, but cannot make
the journey, still they moan and beat
against the silvery adamant walls of life's exclusive
city.

D. H. Lawrence

❁ ❁ ❁

The dead don't die. They look on and help.

D. H. Lawrence

❁ ❁ ❁

When vain desire at last and vain regret
Go hand in hand to death, and all is vain,
What shall assuage the unforgotten pain
And teach the unforgetful to forget?

Dante Gabriel Rossetti

❁ ❁ ❁

It costs me never a stab nor squirm
To tread by chance upon a worm.
"Aha, my little dear," I say,
"Your clan will pay me back one day."

Dorothy Parker

❁ ❁ ❁

How do they know?

Dorothy Parker

❁ ❁ ❁

Excuse my dust.

Dorothy Parker

❁ ❁ ❁

The thought of death came and stayed with her and lent her a sort of drowsy cheer. It would be nice, nice and restful, to be dead.

Dorothy Parker

❁ ❁ ❁

Though they go mad they shall be sane,
Though they sink through the sea they shall rise again.
Though lovers be lost love shall not;
And death shall have no dominion.

Dylan Thomas

❁ ❁ ❁

Do not go gentle into that good night,
Old age should burn and rave at close of day;
Rage, rage, against the dying of the light.

Dylan Thomas

❁ ❁ ❁

After the first death, there is no other.

Dylan Thomas

❁ ❁ ❁

And Death Shall Have No Dominion

Dylan Thomas

❁ ❁ ❁

There is not any book
Or face of dearest look
That I would not turn from now
To go into the unknown
I must enter, and leave, alone,
I know not how.

Edward Thomas

❁ ❁ ❁

I shall have more to say when I am dead.

Edwin Arlington Robinson

❁ ❁ ❁

What can you say about a 25-year-old girl who died? That she was beautiful? And brilliant. That she loved Mozart and Bach. And the Beatles. And me.

Erich Segal

❁ ❁ ❁

Grieve not that I die young. Is it not well
To pass away ere life hath lost its brightness?

Flora Hastings

❁ ❁ ❁

Bring down the curtain, the farce is over.

François Rabelais

❁ ❁ ❁

Neither the sun nor death can be looked at with a steady eye.

François de La Rochefoucauld

❁ ❁ ❁

She closed her eyes; and in sweet slumber lying,
her spirit tiptoed from its lodging-place.
It's folly to shrink in fear, if this is dying;
for death looked lovely in her lovely face.

Francesco Petrarcha Petrarch

❁ ❁ ❁

It is the lot of man but once to die.

Francis Quarles

❁ ❁ ❁

The first sign of his approaching end was when my old aunts, while undressing him, removed a toe with one of his socks.

Graham Greene

❁ ❁ ❁

Either he's dead or my watch has stopped.

Groucho Marx

❁ ❁ ❁

My husband is dead.
—I'll bet he's just using that as an excuse.
I was with him to the end.
—No wonder he passed away.
I held him in my arms and kissed him.
—So it was murder!

Groucho Marx

❁ ❁ ❁

A lot of people, on the verge of death, utter famous last words or stiffen into attitudes...they still want to arouse admiration and adopt a pose and tell a lie with their last gasp.

Henri de Montherlant

❁ ❁ ❁

If Mr. Selwyn calls again, shew him up: if I am alive I shall be delighted to see him; and if I am dead he would like to see me.

Henry Fox Holland

❁ ❁ ❁

Sleep on, my Love, in thy cold bed,
Never to be disquieted!
My last good night! Thou wilt not wake,
Till I thy fate shall overtake;
Till age, or grief, or sickness, must
Marry my body to that dust
It so much loves, and fill the room
My heart keeps empty in thy tomb.
Stay for me there; I will not fail
To meet thee in that hollow vale.

Henry King

❁ ❁ ❁

Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I and you are you. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way you always use. Put no difference into your tone, wear

no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.... What is death but negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near just around the corner. All is well.

Henry Scott Holland

❁ ❁ ❁

Dear, beauteous death! the jewel of the just,
Shining nowhere but in the dark;
What mysteries do lie beyond thy dust,
Could man outlook that mark!

Henry Vaughan

❁ ❁ ❁

Death is better than disease.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

❁ ❁ ❁

It's the only disease you don't look forward to being cured of.

Herman J. Mankiewicz

❁ ❁ ❁

What pleasure does it give to be rid of one thorn out of many? If you don't know how to live right, give way to those who are expert at it. You have had enough fun, eaten and drunk enough: time you were off.

Horace

❁ ❁ ❁

Pale Death kicks his way equally into the cottages of

the poor and the castles of kings.

Horace

❁ ❁ ❁

To save a man's life against his will is the same as killing him.

Horace

❁ ❁ ❁

There's no repentance in the grave.

Isaac Watts

❁ ❁ ❁

Death calls ye to the crowd of common men.

James Shirley

❁ ❁ ❁

I have been half in love with easeful Death,
Call'd him soft names in many a muséd rhyme,
To take into the air my quiet breath;
Now more than ever seems it rich to die,
To cease upon the midnight with no pain,
While thou art pouring forth thy soul abroad
In such an ecstasy!

John Keats

❁ ❁ ❁

Grim Death my son and foe.

John Milton

❁ ❁ ❁

To live a life half dead, a living death.

John Milton

❁ ❁ ❁

I am able to follow my own death step by step. Now I move softly towards the end.

John XXIII

❁ ❁ ❁

A single death is a tragedy; a million is a statistic.

Joseph Stalin

❁ ❁ ❁

Death alone reveals how small are men's poor bodies.

Juvenal

❁ ❁ ❁

Whenever I prepare for a journey I prepare as though for death. Should I never return, all is in order. This is what life has taught me.

Katherine Mansfield

❁ ❁ ❁

Being so recently born, birth had no meaning; it was the other extreme that enthralled me. Death was absorbing, and I saw much of it; it was my childhood's continuous fare.

Laurie Lee

❁ ❁ ❁

Lady Bullock, who had been at death's door for so long now that one might have been pardoned for mistaking her for its knocker.

Leon Garfield

❁ ❁ ❁

Ain't It Grand to Be Bloomin' Well Dead?

Leslie Sarony

❁ ❁ ❁

I cannot forgive my friends for dying: I do not find these vanishing acts of theirs at all amusing.

Logan Pearsall Smith

❁ ❁ ❁

Die, my dear Doctor, that's the last thing I shall do!

Lord Palmerston

❁ ❁ ❁

That the world will never be quite—what a cliché—the same again
Is what we only learn by the event
When a friend dies out on us and is not there
To share the periphery of a remembered scent.

Louis MacNeice

❁ ❁ ❁

Why are you weeping? Did you imagine that I was immortal?

Louis XIV

❁ ❁ ❁

Whom the gods love dies young.

Menander

❁ ❁ ❁

He who would teach men to die would at the same time teach them to live.

Michel de Montaigne

❁ ❁ ❁

I want death to find me planting my cabbages, but caring little for it, and much more for my imperfect garden.

Michel de Montaigne

❁ ❁ ❁

One dies only once, and it's for such a long time.

Molière

❁ ❁ ❁

Death is the privilege of human nature,
And life without it were not worth our taking.

Nicholas Rowe

❁ ❁ ❁

For he who lives more lives than one
More deaths than one must die.

Oscar Wilde

❁ ❁ ❁

Death...a friend that alone can bring the peace his treasures cannot purchase, and remove the pain his physicians cannot cure.

P. D. Ouspensky

❁ ❁ ❁

At last I am going to be well!

Paul Scarron

❁ ❁ ❁

Oh lift me from the grass!
I die! I faint! I fail!

Percy Bysshe Shelley

❁ ❁ ❁

Death is the veil which those who live call life:
They sleep, and it is lifted.

Percy Bysshe Shelley

❁ ❁ ❁

It is a modest creed, and yet
Pleasant if one considers it,
To own that death itself must be,
Like all the rest, a mockery.

Percy Bysshe Shelley

❁ ❁ ❁

I saw the Sibyl at Cumae (One said) with mine own eye.
She hung in a cage, and read her rune.
To all the passers-by
Said the boys, "What wouldst thou, Sibyl?"
She answered, "I would die."

Petronius Arbiter

❁ ❁ ❁

He's gone to join the majority.

Petronius Arbiter

❁ ❁ ❁

The Hero's strangely akin to the youthfully dead.

Rainer Maria Rilke

❁ ❁ ❁

His eyes are quickened so with grief,
He can watch a grass or leaf
Every instant grow; he can
Clearly through a flint wall see,

Or watch the startled spirit fleeFrom the throat of a dead man.

Robert Graves

❁ ❁ ❁

Under the wide and starry sky
Dig the grave and let me lie.
Glad did I live and gladly die,
—And I laid me down with a will.
This is the verse you grave for me:
"Here he lies where he longed to be;
Home is the sailor, home from sea,
And the hunter home from the hill."

Robert Louis Stevenson

❁ ❁ ❁

They sin who tell us love can die;
With life all other passions fly,
All others are but vanity.

Robert Southey

❁ ❁ ❁

My name is death; the last best friend am I.

Robert Southey

❁ ❁ ❁

Depend upon it, Sir, when a man knows he is to be hanged in a fortnight, it concentrates his mind wonderfully.

Samuel Johnson

❁ ❁ ❁

And so I betake myself to that course, which is

almost as much as to see myself go into my grave—for which, and all the discomforts that will accompany my being blind, the good God prepare me!

Samuel Pepys

❁ ❁ ❁

Why do you lie with your legs ungainly huddled,
And one arm bent across your sullen, cold
Exhausted face?...
You are too young to fall asleep for ever;
And when you sleep your remind me of the dead.

Siegfried Sassoon

❁ ❁ ❁

And come he slow, or come he fast,
It is but Death who comes at last.

Sir Walter Scott

❁ ❁ ❁

Drop upon Fox's grave the tear,
'Twill trickle to his rival's bier;
O'er Pitt's the mournful requiem sound,
And Fox's shall the notes rebound.

Sir Walter Scott

❁ ❁ ❁

His morning walk was beneath the elms in the churchyard; "for death," he said, "had been his next-door neighbour for so many years, that he had no apology for dropping the acquaintance."

Sir Walter Scott

❁ ❁ ❁

To that dark inn, the grave!

Sir Walter Scott

❁ ❁ ❁

Dying is a very dull, dreary affair. And my advice to you is to have nothing whatever to do with it.

Somerset Maugham

❁ ❁ ❁

Dying is the most hellishly boresome experience in the world! Particularly when it entails dying of "natural causes."

Somerset Maugham

❁ ❁ ❁

I die because I do not die.

St. John of the Cross

❁ ❁ ❁

For though the day be never so longe,
At last the belles ringeth to evensonge.

Stephen Hawes

❁ ❁ ❁

Strike him so that he can feel that he is dying.

Suetonius

❁ ❁ ❁

Death must be distinguished from dying, with which it is often confused.

Sydney Smith

❁ ❁ ❁

Dying
is an art, like everything else.

I do it exceptionally well.

Sylvia Plath

The surgeon is quiet, he does not speak.
He has seen too much death, his hands are full of it.

Sylvia Plath

When he's forsaken,
Wither'd and shaken,
What can an old man do but die?

Thomas Hood

A man's dying is more the survivors' affair than his own.

Thomas Mann

All interest in disease and death is only another expression of interest in life.

Thomas Mann

She is far from the land where her young hero sleeps,
And lovers are round her, sighing:
But coldly she turns from their gaze, and weeps,
For her heart in his grave is lying.

Thómas Moore

It's better to die than become a victim of the whole

dying industry—religion, morticians, politicians.

Timothy Leary

❁ ❁ ❁

Dear me, I believe I am becoming a god. An emperor ought at least to die on his feet.

Vespasian

❁ ❁ ❁

The world itself is but a large prison, out of which some are daily led to execution.

Walter Raleigh

❁ ❁ ❁

'Tis a sharp remedy, but a sure one for all ills.

Walter Raleigh

❁ ❁ ❁

Move him into the sun-
If anything might rouse him now
The kind old sun will know.

Wilfred Owen

❁ ❁ ❁

And in the happy no-time of his sleeping,
Death took him by the heart.

Wilfred Owen

❁ ❁ ❁

Was it for this the clay grew tall?
—O what made fatuous sunbeams toil
To break earth's sleep at all?

Wilfred Owen

❁ ❁ ❁

Alas! Lord and Lady Dalhousie are dead, and buried at last,
Which causes many people to feel a little downcast.

William McGonagall

ANTONY I will be
A bridegroom in my death, and run into 't
As to a lover's bed.

William Shakespeare

ANTONYI am dying, Egypt, dying; only
I here importune death awhile, until
Of many thousand kisses the poor last
I lay upon thy lips.

William Shakespeare

CAESAR She shall be buried by her Antony!
No grave upon the earth shall clip in it
A pair so famous.

William Shakespeare

CLEOPATRA If thou and nature can so gently part,
The stroke of death is as a lover's pinch,
Which hurts, and is desir'd.

William Shakespeare

HAMLET The rest is silence.

William Shakespeare

HOSTESS His nose was as sharp as a pen, and 'a babbl'd of green fields.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

FEEBLE I care not; a man can die but once; we owe God a death.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

CASCA Why, he that cuts off twenty years of life
Cuts off so many years of fearing death.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

ANTONY O mighty Caesar! dost thou lie so low?
Are all thy conquests, glories, triumphs, spoils,
Shrunk to this little measure?

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

MALCOLM Nothing in his life
Became him like the leaving it: he died
As one that had been studied in his death
To throw away the dearest thing he ow'd
As 'twere a careless trifle.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

ISABELLA Dar'st thou die?
The sense of death is most in apprehension,
And the poor beetle, that we tread upon,
In corporal sufferance finds a pang as great

As when a giant dies.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

CLAUDIO If I must die,
I will encounter darkness as a bride,
And hug it in mine arms.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

DUKE VINCENTIO Thou hast nor youth nor age;
But, as it were, an after-dinner's sleep,
Dreaming on both.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

CLAUDIO Ay, but to die, and go we know not where;
To lie in cold obstruction, and to rot;
This sensible warm motion to become
A kneaded clod; and the delighted spirit
To bathe in fiery floods or to reside
In thrilling region of thick-ribbed ice.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

OTHELLO Be not afraid, though you do see me weapon'd;
Here is my journey's end, here is my butt,
And very sea-mark of my utmost sail.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

KING RICHARD The worst is death, and death will

have his day.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

HORATIO Now cracks a noble heart. Good night, sweet Prince,
And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest!

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

HAMLET Imperious Caesar, dead and turn'd to clay,
Might stop a hole to keep the wind away.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

PERICLES A terrible childbed hast thou had, my dear;
No light, no fire. Th' unfriendly elements
Forgot thee utterly; nor have I time
To give thee hallow'd to to thy grave, but straight
Must cast thee, scarcely coffin'd, in the ooze;
Where for a monument upon thy bones ,
And aye-remaining lamps, the belching whale
And humming water must o'erwhelm thy corpse,
Lying with simple shells.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

I want a busy life, a just mind and a timely death.

Zora Neale Hurston

❁ ❁ ❁

The body is not a permanent dwelling, but a sort of

inn (with a brief sojourn at that) which is to be left behind when one perceives that one is a burden to the host.

Lucius Annaeus Seneca

Death is a punishment to some, to some a gift, and to many a favor.

Lucius Annaeus Seneca

MAUSOLEUM, n. The final and funniest folly of the rich.

Ambrose Bierce

GRAVE, n. A place in which the dead are laid to await the coming of the medical student.

Ambrose Bierce

As Amr lay on his death-bed a friend said to him: "You have often remarked that you would like to find an intelligent man at the point of death, and to ask him what his feelings were. Now I ask you."

Amr ibn al-As

There'll be a hard fight tomorrow.

Andrei Dimitrievich Sakharov

And as we stand on the edge of darkness
Let our chant fill the void

That others may know
In the land of the night
The ship of the sun
Is drawn by
The grateful dead.

Anonymous.

❁ ❁ ❁

Little Willy from his mirror
Licked the mercury right off,
Thinking in his childish error,
It would cure the whooping cough.
At the funeral his mother
Smartly said to Mrs. Brown:
"Twas a chilly day for Willie
When the mercury went down."

Anonymous.

❁ ❁ ❁

There were three ravens sat on a tree,
They were as black as they might be.
The one of them said to his mate,
"Where shall we our breakfast take?"

Anonymous.

❁ ❁ ❁

Death is the poor man's best physician.

Anonymous.

❁ ❁ ❁

Ever since dying came into fashion, life hasn't been safe.

Anonymous.

❁ ❁ ❁

There is a dignity in dying that doctors should not dare to deny.

Anonymous.

❁ ❁ ❁

Death comes along like a gas bill one can't pay.

Anthony Burgess

❁ ❁ ❁

I began to have a sense in reading many of the letters and the essays on me in newspapers and magazines that I was reading my obituary, but I could not say, as Mark Twain did, that the reports of my death are greatly exaggerated. Exaggerated, but not greatly.

Arthur Ashe

❁ ❁ ❁

Philaster: Oh, but thou dost not know
What 'tis to die.
Bellario: Yes, I do know, my Lord:
'Tis less than to be born; a lasting sleep;
A quiet resting from all jealousy,
A thing we all pursue; I know besides,
It is but giving over of a game,
That must be lost.

Beaumont & Fletcher

❁ ❁ ❁

Upon my buried body lay
Lightly gently earth.

Beaumont & Fletcher

❁ ❁ ❁

In this world nothing can be said to be certain but death and taxes.

Benjamin Franklin

❁ ❁ ❁

It is high time for me to depart, for at my age I now begin to see things as they really are.

Bernard le Bovier de Fontenelle

❁ ❁ ❁

I feel nothing, apart from a certain difficulty in continuing to exist.

Bernard le Bovier de Fontenelle

❁ ❁ ❁

Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery.

Book of Common Prayer

❁ ❁ ❁

In the midst of life we are in death.

Book of Common Prayer

❁ ❁ ❁

He'd make a lovely corpse.

Charles Dickens

❁ ❁ ❁

Why fear death? It is the most beautiful adventure in life.

Charles Frohman

❁ ❁ ❁

He had been, he said, an unconscionable time

dying; but he hoped that they would excuse it.

Charles II

❁ ❁ ❁

The best of men cannot suspend their fate:
The good die early, and the bad die late.

Daniel Defoe

❁ ❁ ❁

I remember we all cried like the Missouri
when my Uncle Sol's coffin lurched because
somebody pressed a button
(and down went
my Uncle
Sol
and started a worm farm).

E. E. Cummings

❁ ❁ ❁

Death destroys a man, the idea of Death saves him.

E. M. Forster

❁ ❁ ❁

Death is my neighbour now.

Edith Evans

❁ ❁ ❁

I would rather sleep in the southern corner of a little country church-yard, than in the tomb of the Capulets. I should like, however, that my dust should mingle with kindred dust.

Edmund Burke

❁ ❁ ❁

What I like about Clive
Is that he is no longer alive.
There is a great deal to be said
For being dead.

Edmund Clerihew Bentley

❁ ❁ ❁

I have no pain, dear mother, now;
But oh! I am so dry:
Just moisten poor Jim's lips once more;
And, mother, do not cry!

Edward Farmer

❁ ❁ ❁

It is important what you still have planned at the end. It shows the extent of injustice in your death.

Elias Canetti

❁ ❁ ❁

And that dismal cry rose slowly
And sank slowly through the air,
Full of spirit's melancholy
And eternity's despair!
And they heard the words it said
Pan is dead! great Pan is dead!
Pan, Pan is dead!

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

❁ ❁ ❁

I heard a Fly buzz—when I died.
With Blue—uncertain stumbling Buzz
Between the light—and me

And then the Windows failed—and then
I could not see to see.

Emily Dickinson

❁ ❁ ❁

My life closed twice before its close;
It yet remains to see
If immortality unveil
A third event to me,
So huge, so hopeless to conceive
As these that twice befell.
Parting is all we know of heaven
And all we need of hell.

Emily Dickinson

❁ ❁ ❁

This is the Hour of Lead
Remembered, if outlived,
As Freezing persons, recollect the Snow
First—Chill—then Stupor—then the letting go.

Emily Dickinson

❁ ❁ ❁

Because I could not stop for Death,
He kindly stopped for me;
The carriage held but just ourselves
And Immortality.

Emily Dickinson

❁ ❁ ❁

Our journey had advanced;
Our feet were almost come

To that odd fork in Being's road,
Eternity by term.

Emily Dickinson

❁ ❁ ❁

So death, the most terrifying of ills, is nothing to us, since so long as we exist, death is not with us; but when death comes, then we do not exist. It does not then concern either the living or the dead, since for the former it is not, and the latter are no more.

Epicurus

❁ ❁ ❁

One cannot live for ever by ignoring the price of coffins.

Ernest Bramah

❁ ❁ ❁

All quiet along the Potomac to-night,
No sound save the rush of the river,
While soft falls the dew on the face of the deadThe picket's off duty forever.

Ethel Lynn Beers

❁ ❁ ❁

Above all, believe it, the sweetest canticle is Nunc dimittis, when a man hath obtained worthy ends and expectations. Death hath this also, that it openeth the gate to good fame, and extinguisheth envy.

Francis Bacon

❁ ❁ ❁

Men fear death, as children fear to go in the dark;

and as that natural fear in children is increased with tales, so is the other.

Francis Bacon

❁ ❁ ❁

And whan a beest is deed he hath no peyne;
But man after his deeth moot wepe and pleyne.

Geoffrey Chaucer

❁ ❁ ❁

Death is still working like a mole,
And digs my grave at each remove.

George Herbert

❁ ❁ ❁

Nurse, it was I who discovered that leeches have red blood.

Georges Cuvier

❁ ❁ ❁

We real cool.
We
Left school. We
Lurk late. We
Strike straight. We
Sing sin. We
Thin gin. We
Jazz June. We
Die soon.

Gwendolyn Brooks

❁ ❁ ❁

It hath been often said, that it is not death, but dying,

which is terrible.

Henry Fielding

Death is a delightful hiding-place for weary men.

Herodotus

Of this bad world the loveliest and the best
Has smiled and said "Good Night," and gone to rest.

Hilaire Belloc

In acute diseases it is not quite safe to prognosticate either death or recovery.

Hippocrates

To die will be an awfully big adventure.

James Barrie

But when shall spring visit the mouldering urn?
Oh when shall it dawn on the night of the grave?

James Beattie

And once I touched a broken girl
And knew that marble bled.

James Elroy Flecker

It's time for me to enjoy another pinch of snuff. Tomorrow my hands will be bound, so as to make it impossible.

Jean Sylvain Bailly

Oh liberty! Oh liberty! What crimes are committed in thy name!

Jeanne Roland de la Platière

❁ ❁ ❁

Once you're dead, you're made for life.

Jimi Hendrix

❁ ❁ ❁

I learned early to keep death in my line of sight, keep it under surveillance, keep it on cleared ground and away from any brush where it might coil unnoticed.

Joan Didion

❁ ❁ ❁

The angel of death has been abroad throughout the land; you may almost hear the beating of his wings.

John Bright

❁ ❁ ❁

From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,
Much pleasure, then from thee, much more must flow,
And soonest our best men with thee do go,
Rest of their bones and souls delivery.

John Donne

❁ ❁ ❁

It comes equally to us all, and makes us all equal when it comes. The ashes of an Oak in the Chimney, are no epitaph of that Oak, to tell me how high or how large that was; It tells me not what flocks it sheltered while it stood, nor what men it hurt

when it fell. The dust of great persons' graves is speechless too, it says nothing, it distinguishes nothing.

John Donne

❁ ❁ ❁

Be kind to my remains; and oh defend,
Against your judgment, your departed friend!

John Dryden

❁ ❁ ❁

So softly death succeeded life in her,
She did but dream of heaven, and she was there.

John Dryden

❁ ❁ ❁

Three merry boys, and three merry boys,
And three merry boys are we,
As ever did sing in a hempen string
Under the Gallows-Tree.

John Fletcher

❁ ❁ ❁

Death hath so many doors to let out life.

John Fletcher

❁ ❁ ❁

He hath shook hands with time.

John Ford

❁ ❁ ❁

I shall soon be laid in the quiet grave—thank God for the quiet grave—O! I can feel the cold earth upon me —the daisies growing over me—O for this

quiet—it will be my first.

John Keats

❁ ❁ ❁

The hungry sheep look up, and are not fed,
But swoll'n with wind, and the rank mist they draw,
Rot inwardly, and foul contagion spread.

John Milton

❁ ❁ ❁

I inhabit a weak, frail, decayed tenement; battered by the winds and broken in on by the storms, and, from all I can learn, the landlord does not intend to repair.

John Quincy Adams

❁ ❁ ❁

For a priest to turn a man when he lies a-dying, is just like one that has a long time solicited a woman, and cannot obtain his end; at length makes her drunk, and so lies with her.

John Selden

❁ ❁ ❁

Now I'll have eine kleine Pause.

Kathleen Ferrier

❁ ❁ ❁

But she would weep to see today
How on his skin the swart flies move;
The dust upon the paper eye
And the burst stomach like a cave.
For here the lover and killer are mingled

Who had one body and one heart
And death who had the soldier singled
Has done the lover mortal hurt.

Keith Douglas

❁ ❁ ❁

Death has got something to be said for it:
There's no need to get out of bed for it;
Wherever you may be.
They bring it to you, free.

Kingsley Amis

❁ ❁ ❁

The earth is cover'd thick with other clay,
Which her own clay shall cover, heap'd and pent,
Rider and horse, friend, foe, in one red burial blent!

Lord Byron

❁ ❁ ❁

What is the worst of woes that wait on age?
What stamps the wrinkle deeper on the brow?
To view each loved one blotted from life's page,
And be alone on earth, as I am now.

Lord Byron

❁ ❁ ❁

Now he is dead! Far hence he lies
In the lorn Syrian town;
And on his grave with shining eyes,
The Syrian stars look down.

Matthew Arnold

❁ ❁ ❁

Any amusing deaths lately?

Maurice Bowra

❁ ❁ ❁

Death to the young is more than that undiscovered country; despite its inevitability, it is a place having reality only in song or in other people's grief.

Maya Angelou

❁ ❁ ❁

Well, now, there's a remedy for everything except death.

Miguel de Cervantes

❁ ❁ ❁

I sometimes think that never blows so red
The Rose as where some buried Caesar bled;
That every Hyacinth the Garden wears
Dropt in its Lap from some once lovely Head.

Omar Khayyám

❁ ❁ ❁

Strange, is it not? that of the myriads who
Before us pass'd the door of Darkness through,
Not one returns to tell us of the Road,
Which to discover we must travel too.

Omar Khayyám

❁ ❁ ❁

There is only one cure for grey hair. It was invented by a Frenchman. It is called the guillotine.

P. G. Wodehouse

❁ ❁ ❁

Euthanasia is a long, smooth-sounding word, and it conceals its danger as long, smooth words do, but the danger is there, nevertheless.

Pearl Buck

❁ ❁ ❁

I wanted to be bored to death, as good a way to go as any.

Peter De Vries

❁ ❁ ❁

Man has given a false importance to death
Any animal plant or man who dies
adds to Nature's compost heap
becomes the manure without which
nothing could grow nothing could be created
Death is simply part of the process.

Peter Weiss

❁ ❁ ❁

A ghost has made uneasy every bed.
You are not you without me and The dead
Only are pleased to be alone it said.

R. Buckminster Fuller

❁ ❁ ❁

The waters were his winding sheet, the sea was made his tomb;
Yet for his fame the ocean sea, was not sufficient room.

Richard Barnfield

❁ ❁ ❁

Here's a corpse in the case with a sad swell'd face,
And a "Crowner's Quest" is a queer sort of thing!

Richard Harris Barham

❁ ❁ ❁

The cup goes round:
And who so artful as to put it by!
'T is long since Death had the majority.

Robert Blair

❁ ❁ ❁

The Good he scorn'd
Retir'd reluctant, like an ill-us'd ghost,
Not to return; or if it did, its visits
Like those of Angels, short, and far between.

Robert Blair

❁ ❁ ❁

Its visits,
Like those of angels, short, and far between.

Robert Blair

❁ ❁ ❁

When Death to either shall come,-
I pray it be first to me,-
Be happy as ever at home,
If so, as I wish, it be.
Possess thy heart, my own;
And sing to the child on thy knee,
Or read to thyself alone
The songs that I made for thee.

Robert Bridges

❁ ❁ ❁

O Death, the poor man's dearest friend,
The kindest and the best!

Robert Burns

❁ ❁ ❁

Counting the beats,
Counting the slow heart beats,
The bleeding to death of time in slow heart beats,
Wakeful they lie.

Robert Graves

❁ ❁ ❁

Blow out, you bugles, over the rich Dead!
There's none of these so lonely and poor of old,
But, dying, has made us rarer gifts than gold.

Rupert Brooke

❁ ❁ ❁

Naught broken save this body, lost but breath;
Nothing to shake the laughing heart's long peace there
But only agony, and that has ending;
And the worst friend and enemy is but Death.

Rupert Brooke

❁ ❁ ❁

I'm coming, I'm coming,
For my head is bending low
I hear their gentle voices calling, "Poor old Joe".

S. C. Foster

❁ ❁ ❁

When you have told anyone you have left him a

legacy the only decent thing to do is to die at once.

Samuel Butler

❁ ❁ ❁

Ere sin could blight or sorrow fade,
Death came with friendly care;
The opening bud to heaven conveyed,
And bade it blossom there.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

❁ ❁ ❁

The many men, so beautiful!
And they all dead did lie:
And a thousand thousand slimy things
Lived on; and so did I.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

❁ ❁ ❁

If I were fierce and bald and short of breath,
I'd live with scarlet Majors at the Base,
And speed glum heroes up the line to death.

Siegfried Sassoon

❁ ❁ ❁

There was sun enough for lazing upon beaches,
There was fun enough for far into the night
But I'm dying now and done for,
What on earth was all the fun for?
For I'm old and ill and terrified and tight.

Sir John Betjeman

❁ ❁ ❁

But already it is time to depart, for me to die, for you

to go on living; which of us takes the better course, is concealed from anyone except God.

Socrates

❁ ❁ ❁

Death is not the greatest of ills; it is worse to want to die, and not be able to.

Sophocles

❁ ❁ ❁

God grants an easy death only to the just.

Svetlana Alliluyeva

❁ ❁ ❁

I am not so much afraid of death, as ashamed thereof; 'tis the very disgrace and ignominy of our natures, that in a moment can so disfigure us that our nearest friends, wife, and children, stand afraid and start at us.

Thomas Browne

❁ ❁ ❁

And, considering The thousand doors that lead to death, do thank my God that we can die but once.

Thomas Browne

❁ ❁ ❁

We all labour against our own cure, for death is the cure of all diseases.

Thomas Browne

❁ ❁ ❁

With what shift and pains we come into the World we remember not; but 'tis commonly found no easy

matter to get out of it.

Thomas Browne

❁ ❁ ❁

Friends depart, and memory takes them
To her caverns, pure and deep.

Thomas Haynes Bayly

❁ ❁ ❁

King Death hath asses' ears.

Thomas Lovell Beddoes

❁ ❁ ❁

The girl is lost: she is burnt flesh.

Umberto Eco

❁ ❁ ❁

You can't say civilization don't advance, however, for in every war they kill you a new way.

Will Rogers

❁ ❁ ❁

We perish'd, each alone:
But I beneath a rougher sea,
And whelm'd in deeper gulphs than he.

William Cowper

❁ ❁ ❁

I long to kiss the Image of my Death.

William Drummond

❁ ❁ ❁

Slowly the poison the whole blood stream fills.
It is not the effort nor the failure tires.

The waste remains, the waste remains and kills.

William Empson

❁ ❁ ❁

No young man believes he shall ever die.

William Hazlitt

❁ ❁ ❁

Death is the greatest evil, because it cuts off hope.

William Hazlitt

❁ ❁ ❁

Everybody has got to die, but I have always believed an exception would be made in my case. Now what?

William Saroyan

❁ ❁ ❁

I am ready to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is ready for the ordeal of meeting me is another matter.

Winston Churchill

❁ ❁ ❁

It's not that I'm afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it happens.

Woody Allen

❁ ❁ ❁

Death is an acquired trait.

Woody Allen

❁ ❁ ❁

Diogenes Laertius

He said that men ought to remember those friends who were absent as well as those who were present.

Diogenes Laërtius

❁ ❁ ❁

Doubt

If a man will begin with certainties, he shall end in doubts; but if he will be content to begin with doubts, he shall end in certainties.

Francis Bacon

❁ ❁ ❁

MACBETH I had else been perfect,
Whole as the marble, founded as the rock,
As broad and general as the casing air,
But now I am cabin'd, cribb'd, confin'd, bound in
To saucy doubts and fears.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

He who shall teach the Child to Doubt
The rotting Grave shall ne'er get out.

William Blake

❁ ❁ ❁

If a man could pass through Paradise in a dream, and have a flower presented to him as a pledge that his soul had really been there, and if he found that flower in his hand when he awoke—Aye, and what then?

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

❁ ❁ ❁

I am too much of a sceptic to deny the possibility of anything.

T. H. Huxley

❁ ❁ ❁

Negative Capability, that is, when a man is capable of being in uncertainties, mysteries, doubts, without any irritable reaching after fact and reason.

John Keats

❁ ❁ ❁

The trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure and the intelligent full of doubt.

Bertrand Russell

❁ ❁ ❁

Worry affects circulation, the heart, and the glands, the whole nervous sytem, and profoundly affects the heart. I have never known a man who died from overwork, but many who died from doubt.

Charles H. Mayo

❁ ❁ ❁

You promise heavens free from strife,
Pure truth, and perfect change of will;
But sweet, sweet is this human life,
So sweet, I fain would breathe it still;
Your chilly stars I can forgo,
This warm kind world is all I know.

William Cory

❁ ❁ ❁

He who doubts from what he sees
Will ne'er Believe, do what you Please
If the Sun and Moon should doubt
They'd immediately Go out
To be in a Passion you Good may do,

But no Good if a Passion is in you.

William Blake

❁ ❁ ❁

Dreams

The dream is real, my friends. The failure to make it work is the unreality.

Toni Cade Bambara

❁ ❁ ❁

BOTTOM The eye of man hath not heard, the ear of man hath not seen, man's hand is not able to taste, his tongue to conceive, nor his heart to report, what my dream was.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

BOTTOM I have had a dream, past the wit of man to say what dream it was.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

TITANIA My Oberon! what visions have I seen!
Methought I was enamour'd of an ass.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

PUCK If we shadows have offended,
Think but this, and all is mended,
That you have but slumbr'ed here
While these visions did appear.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

What happens to a dream deferred?
Does it dry up
like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore -
and then run?

Langston Hughes

❁ ❁ ❁

A dream can be the highest point of a life.

Ben Okri

❁ ❁ ❁

Dreams culminating in emission may reveal the object of the dreamer's desire as well as his inner conflicts. An orgasm can not lie.

Ian McEwan

❁ ❁ ❁

God don't make no promises that He don't keep. You got some big dreams, baby, but in order to dream you gotta still be asleep.

Bob Dylan

❁ ❁ ❁

Dreams and predictions ought to serve but for winter talk by the fireside.

Francis Bacon

❁ ❁ ❁

Ground not upon dreams; you know they are ever contrary.

Thomas Middleton

❁ ❁ ❁

MERCUTIO O! then, I see Queen Mab hath been with you.
She is the fairies' midwife...
And in this state she gallops night by night
Through lovers' brains, and then they dream of love.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

If there were dreams to sell,
What would you buy?
Some cost a passing bell;
Some a light sigh,
That shakes from Life's fresh crown
Only a roseleaf down.
If there were dreams to sell,
Merry and sad to tell,
And the crier rung the bell,
What would you buy?

Thomas Lovell Beddoes

❁ ❁ ❁

So I awoke, and behold it was a dream.

John Bunyan

❁ ❁ ❁

All that we see or seem
Is but a dream within a dream.

Edgar Allan Poe

❁ ❁ ❁

A thousand fantasies
Begin to throng into my memory

Of calling shapes, and beckoning shadows dire,
And airy tongues, that syllable men's names
On sands, and shores, and desert wildernesses.

John Milton

❁ ❁ ❁

And yet, as angels in some brighter dreams
Call to the soul when man doth sleep,
So some strange thoughts transcend our wonted themes,
And into glory peep.

Henry Vaughan

❁ ❁ ❁

Even in dreams good works are not wasted.

Pedro Calderón de la Barca

❁ ❁ ❁

That children dream not in the first half year, that men dream not in some countries, are to me sick men's dreams, dreams out of the ivory gate, and visions before midnight.

Thomas Browne

❁ ❁ ❁

The people's prayer, the glad diviner's theme,
The young men's vision, and the old men's dream!

John Dryden

❁ ❁ ❁

Underneath the arches
We dream our dreams away.

Bud Flanagan

❁ ❁ ❁

For you dream you are crossing the Channel, and tossing about in a steamer from Harwich—
Which is something between a large bathing machine and a very small second-class carriage.

W. S. Gilbert

❁ ❁ ❁

With thousand such enchanting dreams, that meet
To make sleep not so sound, as sweet.

Robert Herrick

❁ ❁ ❁

The hope I dreamed of was a dream,
Was but a dream; and now I wake,
Exceeding comfortless, and worn, and old,
For a dream's sake.

Christina Rossetti

❁ ❁ ❁

Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,
An angel writing in a book of gold.

Leigh Hunt

❁ ❁ ❁

All men dream: but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds wake in the day to find that it was vanity: but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act their

dream with open eyes, to make it possible.

T. E. Lawrence

❁ ❁ ❁

All I want is a room somewhere,
Far away from the cold night air;
With one enormous chair...
Oh, wouldn't it be loverly?

Alan Jay Lerner

❁ ❁ ❁

Adieu! adieu! thy plaintive anthem fades
Past the near meadows, over the still stream,
... Up the hill-side; and now 'tis buried deep
In the next valley-glades:
Was it a vision, or a waking dream?
Fled is that music:—Do I wake or sleep?

John Keats

❁ ❁ ❁

In a dream you are never eighty.

Anne Sexton

❁ ❁ ❁

For one person who dreams of making fifty thousand pounds, a hundred people dream of being left fifty thousand pounds.

A. A. Milne

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I had a dream, which was not all a dream.
The bright sun was extinguished, and the stars
Did wander darkling in the eternal space,

Rayless, and pathless, and the icy earth
Swung blind and blackening in the moonless air;
Morn came and went—and came, and brought no day, 1
And men forgot their passions in the dread
Of this their desolation; and all hearts
Were chilled into a selfish prayer for light.

Lord Byron

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I arise from dreams of thee
In the first sweet sleep of night.
When the winds are breathing low,
And the stars are shining bright.

Percy Bysshe Shelley

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Those who have likened our life to a dream were more right, by chance, than they realized. We are awake while sleeping, and waking sleep.

Michel de Montaigne

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Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar.

Sigmund Freud

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Many's the long night I've dreamed of cheese—toasted, mostly.

Robert Louis Stevenson

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Dreams are true while they last, and do we not live in dreams?

Alfred Lord Tennyson

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Experience

Vext the dim sea: I am become a name:
For always roaming with a hungry heart
Much have I seen and known: cities of men
And manners, climates, councils, governments,
Myself not least, but honour'd of them all;
And drunk delight of battle with my peers,
Far on the ringing plains of windy Troy.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

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Yet all experience is an arch wherethro'
Gleams that untravelled world, whose margin fades
For ever and for ever when I move.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

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I am much richer in knowledge and experience. But I have no money.

Althea Gibson

❁ ❁ ❁

When young one can still aspire to sublimity. Old age knows that this is, and probably always was, in devastatingly short supply.

Anita Brookner

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Experience is the mother of science.

Anonymous.

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When all is said and done, no literature can outdo the cynicism of real life; you won't intoxicate with one glass someone who has already drunk up a whole barrel.

Anton Pavlovich Chekhov

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One should try everything once, except incest and folk-dancing.

Arnold Edward Trevor Bax

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You don't need a weather man
To know which way the wind blows.

Bob Dylan

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What is madness
To those who only observe, is often wisdom
To those to whom it happens.

Christopher Fry

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It's taken me all my life to learn what not to play.

Dizzy Gillespie

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To know the world, not love her is thy point,
She gives but little, nor that little long.

Edward Young

❁ ❁ ❁

Experience isn't interesting till it begins to repeat itself—in fact, till it does that, it hardly is experience.

Elizabeth Bowen

❁ ❁ ❁

If the building of a bridge does not enrich the awareness of those who work on it, then that bridge ought not to be built and the citizens can go on swimming across the river or going by boat.

Frantz Fanon

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Enter these enchanted woods.
You who dare.

George Meredith

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Not till the fire is dying in the grate,
Look we for any kinship with the stars.

George Meredith

❁ ❁ ❁

He gave the impression that very many cities had rubbed him smooth.

Graham Greene

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Experience is never limited, and it is never complete; it is an immense sensibility, a kind of huge spider-web of the finest silken threads suspended in the chamber of consciousness, and catching every air-borne particle in its tissue.

Henry James

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Experience teaches slowly, and at the cost of mistakes.

J. A. Froude

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April 26 Welcome, O life! I go to encounter for the millionth time the reality of experience and to forge in the smithy of my soul the uncreated conscience of my race.

James Joyce

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Axioms in philosophy are not axioms until they are proved upon our pulses; we read fine things but never feel them to the full until we have gone the same steps as the author.

John Keats

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Nothing ever becomes real till it is experienced—even a proverb is no proverb to you till your life has illustrated it.

John Keats

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In my sweet little Alice blue gown,
When I first wandered out in the town.

Joseph McCarthy

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Any scientist who has ever been in love knows that he may understand everything about sex hormones

but the actual experience is something quite different.

Kathleen Lonsdale

❁ ❁ ❁

For the last blossom is the first blossom
And the first blossom is the best blossom
And when from Eden we take our way
The morning after is the first day.

Louis MacNeice

❁ ❁ ❁

Is it so small a thing
To have enjoy'd the sun,
To have lived light in the spring,
To have loved, to have thought, to have done?

Matthew Arnold

❁ ❁ ❁

Experience is a good teacher, but she sends in terrific bills.

Minna Antrim

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A moment's insight is sometimes worth a life's experience.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

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Experience consists of experiencing that which one does not wish to experience.

Sigmund Freud

❁ ❁ ❁

You will think me lamentably crude: my experience of life has been drawn from life itself.

Sir Max Beerbohm

Trust one who has gone through it.

Virgil

EDGAR We that are young
Shall never see so much or live so long.

William Shakespeare

Failure

She knows there's no success like failure
And that failure's no success at all.

Bob Dylan

The greatest failure for any man is to fail with a woman.

Chester Himes

Women can't forgive failure.

Anton Pavlovich Chekhov

CORIOLANUS Like a dull actor now
I have forgot my part and I am out,
Even to a full disgrace.

William Shakespeare

Failure is inevitable. Success is elusive.

Steven Spielberg

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Dear Randolph, utterly unspoiled by failure.

Noel Coward

❁ ❁ ❁

Well, back to the old drawing board.

Peter Arno

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Failure? Do you remember what Queen Victoria once said?
"Failure?—the possibilities do not exist."

Margaret Thatcher

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All words,
And no performance!

Philip Massinger

❁ ❁ ❁

Many go out for wool, and come home shorn themselves.

Miguel de Cervantes

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Show me a good and gracious loser and I'll show you a failure.

Knute Rockne

❁ ❁ ❁

It doesn't hurt to lose my crown, it hurts to lose.

Steffi Graf

❁ ❁ ❁

Look in my face; my name is Might-have-been.
I am also called No-more, Too-late, Farewell.
Dante Gabriel Rossetti

❁ ❁ ❁

Growth is a greater mystery than death. All of us can understand failure, we all contain failure and death within us, but not even the successful man can begin to describe the impalpable elations and apprehensions of growth.

Norman Mailer

❁ ❁ ❁

The world is made of people who never quite get into the first team and who just miss the prizes at the flower show.

Jacob Bronowski

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And the most miserable things which I myself saw and of which I was a major part.

Virgil

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The Light that Failed

Rudyard Kipling

❁ ❁ ❁

He was a self-made man who owed his lack of success to nobody.

Joseph Heller

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Fantasy

This time it vanished quite slowly, beginning with the

end of the tail, and ending with the grin, which remained some time after the rest of it had gone.

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

The Romans and Greeks found everything human. Everything had a face, and a human voice. Men spoke, and their fountains piped an answer.

D. H. Lawrence

❁ ❁ ❁

There lived a Parsee from whose hat the rays of the sun were reflected in more-than-oriental-splendour.

Rudyard Kipling

❁ ❁ ❁

At Godwin's they were disputing fiercely which was the best—Man as he was, or man as he is to be. "Give me," says Lamb, "man as he is not to be".

William Hazlitt

❁ ❁ ❁

Castles in the air—they're so easy to take refuge in. So easy to build, too.

Henrik Ibsen

❁ ❁ ❁

Fate

I often feel, and ever more deeply I realize, that fate and character are the same conception.

Friedrich Leopold von Hardenberg

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A girl arose that had red mournful lips

And seemed the greatness of the world in tears,
Doomed like Odysseus and the labouring ships
And proud as Priam murdered with his peers.

W. B. Yeats

Do not try to find out—we're forbidden to know—what end the gods have in store for me, or for you.

Horace

Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.

John Lennon

We may become the makers of our fate when we have ceased to pose as its prophets.

Karl Popper

Man never found the deities so kindly
As to assure him that he'd live tomorrow.

François Rabelais

I embrace the purpose of God and the doom assigned.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

We are merely the stars' tennis-balls, struck and bandied

Which way please them.

John Webster

❁ ❁ ❁

No man gets away from his reckoning, but with luck he may learn how to face it.

Neil Gunn

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Nothing is inevitable until it happens.

A. J. P. Taylor

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Anything that, in happening, causes itself to happen, happens again.

Douglas Adams

❁ ❁ ❁

HAMLET The time is out of joint; O cursed spite,
That ever I was born to set it right!

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

HAMLET There's a divinity that shapes our ends,
Rough-hew them how we will.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

GLOUCESTER As flies to wanton boys are we to th' gods—
They kill us for their sport.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

HAMLET Let Hercules himself do what he may,

The cat will mew, and dog will have his day.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

He either fears his fate too much,
Or his deserts are small,
That puts it not unto the touch
To win or lose it all.

James Graham

❁ ❁ ❁

Though men determine, the gods do dispose; and oft times many things fall out betweene the cup and the lip.

Robert Greene

❁ ❁ ❁

"Justice" was done, and the President of the Immortals (in Aeschylean phrase) had ended his sport with Tess.

Thomas Hardy

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Freedom

Freedom is not something that anybody can be given; freedom is something people take and people are as free as they want to be.

James Baldwin

❁ ❁ ❁

The Negro is not free. He is not free on any level of living. But the fact that he is not free does not make

him morally infallible.

Peter Abrahams

❁ ❁ ❁

The fight is for freedom, not whiteness.

H. Rap Brown

❁ ❁ ❁

A man is either free or he is not. There cannot be any apprenticeship for freedom.

Imamu Amiri Baraka

❁ ❁ ❁

Afoot and light-hearted I take to the open road,
Healthy, free, the world before me,
The long brown path before me leading wherever I choose.

Walt Whitman

❁ ❁ ❁

Whilst so much is doing in the world, to ameliorate the condition of mankind, and the spirit of Freedom is marching with rapid strides, and causing tyrants to tremble, may America awake from the apathy in which she has long slumbered. She must, sooner or later, fall in with the irresistible current.

James Forten

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Freedom has never been free.

Medgar Evers

❁ ❁ ❁

The African is conditioned, by the cultural and social

institutions of centuries, to a freedom of which Europe has little conception, and it is not in his nature to accept serfdom for ever.

Jomo Kenyatta

❁ ❁ ❁

Well, would I like to see Mike Tyson a free man again? He was never free!

June Jordan

❁ ❁ ❁

A democracy—that is a government of all the people, by all the people, for all the people; of course, a government of the principles of eternal justice, the unchanging law of God; for shortness' sake I will call it the idea of Freedom.

Theodore Parker

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The struggle must go on—the struggle to make the opportunity for the building to begin. The struggle will go on. I speak humbly and without levity when I say that, God giving me strength and courage enough, I shall die, if need be, for this cause. But I do not want to die until I have seen the building begun.

Albert Luthuli

❁ ❁ ❁

There is no easy walk to freedom anywhere and many of us will have to pass through the valley of the shadow of death again and again before we

reach the mountain tops of our desires.

Nelson Mandela

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The struggle is my life. I will continue fighting for freedom until the end of my days.

Nelson Mandela

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I am not less life-loving than you are. But I cannot sell my birthright, nor am I prepared to sell the birthright of the people to be free.

Nelson Mandela

❁ ❁ ❁

Africans have lived so long on promises. What they want to see are a few concrete deeds. They are tired of listening to pious sermons about "democracy" and "freedom" while the chains of servitude still hang around their necks. Africans, too, want to live as human beings and enjoy with white folk some of the material benefits of modern civilization.

George Padmore

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The price of freedom can never be too high.

Joshua Nkomo

❁ ❁ ❁

The hardest lesson of my life has come to me late. It is that a nation can win freedom without its people becoming free.

Joshua Nkomo

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If we are to live our lives in peace and harmony, and if we are to achieve our ambitions of improving the conditions under which we live, we must have both freedom and discipline. For freedom without discipline is anarchy; discipline without freedom is tyranny.

Julius Kambarage Nyerere

The right of a man to stand upright as a human being in his own country comes before questions of the kind of society he will create once he has that right.

Julius Kambarage Nyerere

From no quarter shall we accept direction, or neo-colonialism, and at no time shall we lower our guard against the subversion of our Government or our people. Neither our principles, our country, nor our freedom to determine our own future are for sale.

Julius Kambarage Nyerere

Without discipline true freedom cannot survive.

Kwame Nkrumah

As long as we are ruled by others we shall lay our mistakes at their door, and our sense of responsibility will remain dulled. Freedom brings

responsibilities, and our experience can be enriched only by the acceptance of these responsibilities.

Kwame Nkrumah

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We, for our part, have a first and indispensable need, that of our dignity. Now, there is no dignity without freedom.... We prefer freedom in poverty to riches in slavery.

Ahmed Sekou Touré

❁ ❁ ❁

Who ever walked behind anyone to freedom? If we can't go hand in hand, I don't want to go.

Hazel Scott

❁ ❁ ❁

The American Negro has changed his temper. Now he wants his freedom. Whether he is smiling at you or not, he wants his freedom.

Paul Robeson

❁ ❁ ❁

To be free—to walk the good American earth as equal citizens, to live without fear, to enjoy the fruits of our toil, to give our children every opportunity in life—that dream which we have held so long in our hearts is today the destiny that we hold in our hands.

Paul Robeson

❁ ❁ ❁

Your bounty threatens me, Mandela,
that taut Drumskin of your heart on which our

millions
Dance. I fear we latch, fat leeches
On your veins.

Wole Soyinka

❁ ❁ ❁

One who wears only an apron is merely tying himself with a rope.

Amos Tutuola

❁ ❁ ❁

After the coming of freedom there were two points upon which practically all the people on our place were agreed ... : that they must change their names, and that they must leave the old plantation for at least a few days or weeks in order that they might really feel sure that they were free.

Booker T. Washington

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Dere's two things I've got a right to, and dese are, Death or Liberty—one or tother I mean to have.

Harriet Tubman

❁ ❁ ❁

"Painters and poets alike have always had license to dare anything." We know that, and we both claim and allow to others in their turn this indulgence.

Horace

❁ ❁ ❁

In overthrowing me, you have cut down in San

Domingo only the trunk of the tree of liberty. It will spring up again by the roots for they are numerous and deep.

L'ouverture Toussaint

❁ ❁ ❁

This is a free country, madam. We have a right to share your privacy in a public place.

Peter Ustinov

❁ ❁ ❁

Just give us a little time and one of these days we'll emancipate you!.

Roy Wilkins

❁ ❁ ❁

Not bound to swear allegiance to any master, wherever the wind takes me I travel as a visitor.

Horace

❁ ❁ ❁

While the state exists there can be no freedom. When there is freedom there will be no state.

Vladimir Ilyich Lenin

❁ ❁ ❁

For freedom's battle once begun,
Bequeath'd by bleeding Sire to Son,
Though baffled oft is ever won.

Lord Byron

❁ ❁ ❁

Stone walls do not a prison make,
Nor iron bars a cage;

Minds innocent and quiet take
That for an hermitage;
If I have freedom in my love,
And in my soul am free,
Angels alone that soar above
Enjoy such liberty.

Richard Lovelace

❁ ❁ ❁

Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves.

Abraham Lincoln

❁ ❁ ❁

Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.... In a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us...that we here highly resolve that the dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new

birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln

❁ ❁ ❁

In a free society the state does not administer the affairs of men. It administers justice among men who conduct their own affairs.

Walter Lippmann

❁ ❁ ❁

A man should never put on his best trousers when he goes out to battle for freedom and truth.

Henrik Ibsen

❁ ❁ ❁

We have to believe in free will. We've got no choice.

Isaac Bashevis Singer

❁ ❁ ❁

England may as well dam up the waters from the Nile with bulrushes as to fetter the step of Freedom, more proud and firm in this youthful land.

Lydia Maria Child

❁ ❁ ❁

Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery.
None but ourselves can free our minds.

Bob Marley

❁ ❁ ❁

I am writing about the conflict between conscience

and individual freedom...

Howard Barker

❁ ❁ ❁

The enemies of Freedom do not argue; they shout and they shoot.

William Ralph Inge

❁ ❁ ❁

God is our guide! from field, from wave,
From plough, from anvil, and from loom;
We come, our country's rights to save,
And speak a tyrant faction's doom:
We raise the watchword liberty;
We will, we will, we will be free!
God is our guide! no swords we draw,
We kindle not war's battle fires;
By reason, union, justice, law,
We claim the birthright of our sires:
We raise the watchword liberty;
We will, we will, we will be free!!!

George Loveless

❁ ❁ ❁

You took my freedom away a long time ago and you can't give it back because you haven't got it yourself.

Aleksandr Isayevich Solzhenitsyn

❁ ❁ ❁

I never approved either the errors of his book, or the trivial truths he so vigorously laid down. I have, however, stoutly taken his side when absurd men

have condemned him for these same truths.

Voltaire

❁ ❁ ❁

Liberty does not consist in mere declarations of the rights of man. It consists in the translation of those declarations into definite action.

Woodrow Wilson

❁ ❁ ❁

We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression—everywhere in the world. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way—everywhere in the world. The third is freedom from want—everywhere in the world. The fourth is freedom from fear—anywhere in the world.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

❁ ❁ ❁

In giving freedom to the slave, we assure freedom to the free—honorable alike in what we give and what we preserve.

Abraham Lincoln

❁ ❁ ❁

But what is Freedom? Rightly understood,
A universal licence to be good.

Hartley Coleridge Coleridge

❁ ❁ ❁

A! fredome is a noble thing!

Fredome mayse man to haiff liking.

John Barbour

Man was born free and everywhere he is in chains.

Jean Jacques Rousseau

I cannot and will not give any undertaking at a time when I, and you, the people, are not free. Your freedom and mine cannot be separated.

Nelson Mandela

The right to be let alone is indeed the beginning of all freedom.

William Orville Douglas

Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves.

William Pitt the Younger

No human being, however great, or powerful was ever so free as a fish.

John Ruskin

One of the few remaining freedoms we have is the blank page. No one can prescribe how we should fill it.

James Kelman

Freedom is the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.

George Orwell

❁ ❁ ❁

We cannot defend freedom abroad by deserting it at home.

Ed Murrow

❁ ❁ ❁

We must plan for freedom, and not only for security, if for no other reason than that only freedom can make security secure.

Karl Popper

❁ ❁ ❁

Years of imprisonment could not stamp out our determination to be free. Years of intimidation and violence could not stop us. And we will not be stopped now.

Nelson Mandela

❁ ❁ ❁

None ought to be lords or landlords over another, but the earth is free for every son and daughter of mankind to live free upon.

Gerrard Winstanley

❁ ❁ ❁

Who has not watched a mother stroke her child's cheek or kiss her child in a certain way and felt a nervous shudder at the possessive outrage done to

a free solitary human soul?

John Cowper Powys

❁ ❁ ❁

Man is condemned to be free.

Jean-Paul Sartre

❁ ❁ ❁

I'll have a fling.

Francis Beaumont

❁ ❁ ❁

Freedom has a thousand charms to show,
That slaves, howe'er contented, never know.

William Cowper

❁ ❁ ❁

It's often safer to be in chains than to be free.

Franz Kafka

❁ ❁ ❁

This is Liberty-Hall, gentlemen.

Oliver Goldsmith

❁ ❁ ❁

Freedom is an indivisible word. If we want to enjoy it, and fight for it, we must be prepared to extend it to everyone, whether they are rich or poor, whether they agree with us or not, no matter what their race or the color of their skin.

Wendell Lewis Willkie

❁ ❁ ❁

Place me on Sunium's marbled steep,
Where nothing, save the waves and I,

May hear our mutual murmurs sweep;
There, swan-like, let me sing and die:
A land of slaves shall ne'er be mine
Dash down yon cup of Samian wine!

Lord Byron

❁ ❁ ❁

One of the greatest of Romans, when asked what were his politics, replied, Imperium et Libertas. That would not make a bad programme for a British Ministry.

Benjamin Disraeli

❁ ❁ ❁

He has come out of a black hole into glaring light and he will be overwhelmed by it.

Jill Morrell

❁ ❁ ❁

We have buried the putrid corpse of liberty.

Benito Amilcare Andrea Mussolini

❁ ❁ ❁

We must be free or die, who speak the tongue
That Shakspeare spake; the faith and morals hold
Which Milton held.

William Wordsworth

❁ ❁ ❁

Hereditary bondsmen! know ye not
Who would be free themselvesmust strike the blow?

Lord Byron

❁ ❁ ❁

The mountains look on Marathon—
And Marathon looks on the sea:
And musing there an hour alone,
I dream'd that Greece might still be free.

Lord Byron

❁ ❁ ❁

I only ask to be free. The butterflies are free. Mankind will surely not deny to Harold Skimpole what it concedes to the butterflies!

Charles Dickens

❁ ❁ ❁

Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose,
And nothin' ain't worth nothin' but it's free.

Kris Kristofferson

❁ ❁ ❁

The cause of Freedom is the cause of God!

William Lisle Bowles

❁ ❁ ❁

I struck the board, and cried, "No more;
I will abroad."
What, shall I ever sigh and pine?
My lines and life are free; free as the road,
Loose as the wind, as large as store.

George Herbert

❁ ❁ ❁

We are ready to proclaim throughout Italy this great principle: a free church in a free state.

Camillo Benso Cavour

❁ ❁ ❁

Futility

Down the road someone is practising scales,
The notes like little fishes vanish with a wink of tails,
Man's heart expands to tinker with his car
For this is Sunday morning, Fate's great bazaar.

Louis MacNeice

❁ ❁ ❁

It's but little good you'll do a-watering the last year's crop.

George Eliot

❁ ❁ ❁

Metternich and Talleyrand held forth in their usual way, while I sensed as never before the futility of human endeavor, the failings of men who hold the fate of the world in their hands.

Friedrich von Gentz

❁ ❁ ❁

Such another victory and we are ruined.

Pyrrhus

❁ ❁ ❁

Girls

Girls are so queer you never know what they mean. They say No when they mean Yes, and drive a man out of his wits for the fun of it.

Louisa May Alcott

❁ ❁ ❁

A trick that everyone abhors

In little girls is slamming doors.

Hilaire Belloc

❁ ❁ ❁

Three littlemaids from school are we,
Pert as a school-girl well can be,
Filled to the brim with girlish glee.

W. S. Gilbert

❁ ❁ ❁

"Boys will be boys—"
"And even that...wouldn't matter if we could only prevent girls from being girls."

Anthony Hope

❁ ❁ ❁

Young ladies should take care of themselves. Young ladies are delicate plants. They should take care of their health and their complexion. My dear, did you change your stockings?

Jane Austen

❁ ❁ ❁

Being now come to the years of discretion.

Book of Common Prayer

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Growing Up

One of the pleasures of middle age is to find out that one WAS right, and that one was much righter than one knew at say 17 or 23.

Ezra Pound

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If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same.

Rudyard Kipling

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If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise.

Rudyard Kipling

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If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss.

Rudyard Kipling

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Just at the age 'twixt boy and youth,
When thought is speech, and speech is truth.

Sir Walter Scott

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Ah, tell them they are men!

Thomas Gray

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Human Condition

The stars have not dealt me the worst they could do:
My pleasures are plenty, my troubles are two
But oh, my two troubles they reave me of rest,
The brains in my head and the heart in my breast.

A. E. Housman

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A single sentence will suffice for modern man: he fornicated and read the papers.

Albert Camus

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Most men and women lead lives at the worst so painful, at the best so monotonous, poor and limited that the urge to escape, the longing to transcend themselves if only for a few moments, is and has always been one of the principal appetites of the soul.

Aldous Huxley

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The destination of all journeys is their beginning.

Angela Olive Carter

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Myth deals in false universals, to dull the pain of particular circumstances.

Angela Olive Carter

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Everyone faces at all times two fateful possibilities: one is to grow older, the other not.

Anonymous

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I make myself laugh at everything, so that I do not weep.

Beaumarchais

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Youth is a blunder; Manhood a struggle; Old Age a regret.

Benjamin Disraeli

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We are like dwarfs on the shoulders of giants, so that we can see more than they, and things at a greater distance, not by virtue of any sharpness of sight on our part, or any physical distinction, but because we are carried high and raised up by their giant size.

Bernard of Chartres

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Yes, 'n' how many years can some people exist
Before they're allowed to be free?
Yes, 'n' how many times can a man turn his head,
Pretending he just doesn't see?
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind.

Bob Dylan

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On the Rampage, Pip, and off the Rampage, Pip;

such is Life!

Charles Dickens

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A wonderful fact to reflect upon, that every human creature is constituted to be that profound secret and mystery to every other.

Charles Dickens

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I am afraid I believe we delude ourselves if we think that humanity is becoming ever more civilised, ever more sophisticated and ever more reasonable. It's simply not the case.

Charles Prince of Wales

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There is a ghost
That eats handkerchiefs;
It keeps you company
On all your travels.

Christian Morgenstern

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Consider your origins: you were not made to live as brutes, but to follow virtue and knowledge.

Dante Alighieri

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There, but for a typographical error, is the story of my life.

Dorothy Parker

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The heart of the matter, as I see it, is the stark fact that world poverty is primarily a problem of two million villages, and thus a problem of two thousand million villagers.

E. F. Schumacher

Man's chief goal in life is still to become and stay human, and defend his achievements against the encroachment of nature.

Eric Hoffer

Life is for each man a solitary cell whose walls are mirrors.

Eugene O'Neill

We are all American at puberty; we die French.

Evelyn Waugh

Nothing is won forever in human affairs, but everything is always possible.

François Mitterrand

But men must know, that in this theatre of man's life it is reserved only for God and angels to be lookers on.

Francis Bacon

The abdomen is the reason why man does not easily

take himself for a god.

Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

Nevertheless, I remain firmly convinced that not only is being overly conscious a disease, but so is being conscious at all.

Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoyevsky

It's a burden to us even to be human beings—men with our own real body and blood; we are ashamed of it, we think it a disgrace and try to contrive to be some sort of impossible generalized man.

Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoyevsky

The human race, to which so many of my readers belong.

G. K. Chesterton

And finds, with keen discriminating sight,
Black's not so black; nor white so very white.

George Canning

Most people get a fair amount of fun out of their lives, but on balance life is suffering and only the very young or the very foolish imagine otherwise.

George Orwell

You come into the world alone, you go out alone. In

between it's nice to know a few people, but being alone is a fundamental quality of human life, depressing as that is.

Helen Mirren

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The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation.

Henry David Thoreau

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Man is the shuttle, to whose winding quest
And passage through these looms
God order'd motion, but ordain'd no rest.

Henry Vaughan

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We are just statistics, born to consume resources.

Horace

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Nothing is an unmixed blessing.

Horace

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He willed that the hearts of Men should seek beyond the world and should find no rest therein; but they should have a virtue to shape their life, amid the powers and chances of the world, beyond the Music of the Ainur, which is a fate to all things else.

J. R. R. Tolkien

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Our dehumanization of the Negro then is indivisible from our dehumanization of ourselves: the loss of

our own identity is the price we pay for our annulment of his.

James Baldwin

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All men should strive to learn before they die
What they are running from, and to, and why.

James Thurber

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The poor don't know that their function in life is to exercise our generosity.

Jean-Paul Sartre

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As our life is very short, so it is very miserable, and therefore it is well it is short.

Jeremy Taylor

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No man is an Island, entire of it self; every man is a piece of the Continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankind; And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee.

John Donne

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A man's ingress into the world is naked and bare,
His progress through the world is trouble and care;

And lastly, his egress out of the world, is nobody knows where.
If we do well here, we shall do well there:
I can tell you no more if I preach a whole year.

John Edwin

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Fade far away, dissolve, and quite forget
What thou among the leaves hast never known.
The weariness, the fever, and the fret
Here, where men sit and hear each other groan;
Where palsy shakes a few, sad, last gray hairs.
Where youth grows pale, and spectre-thin, and dies;
Where but to think is to be full of sorrow
And leaden-eyed despairs.

John Keats

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Bachelor's fare; bread and cheese, and kisses.

Jonathan Swift

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The terrorist and the policeman both come from the same basket.

Joseph Conrad

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The world is a beautiful place
to be born into
if you don't mind some people dying
all the time
or maybe only starving

some of the time
which isn't half so bad
if it isn't you.

Lawrence Ferlinghetti

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Man is a museum of diseases, a home of impurities; he comes today and is gone tomorrow; he begins as dirt and departs as stench.

Mark Twain

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Wandering between two worlds, one dead,
The other powerless to be born.

Matthew Arnold

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And see all sights from pole to pole,
And glance, and nod, and bustle by;
And never once possess our soul
Before we die.

Matthew Arnold

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Every man carries the entire form of human condition.

Michel de Montaigne

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We rise with the lark and go to bed with the lamb.

Nicholas Breton

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Life is made up of sobs, sniffles and smiles, with

sniffles predominating.

O. Henry

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We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.

Oscar Wilde

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No one is perfect in this imperfect world.

Patrice Lumumba

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For man's greatest crime is to have been born.

Pedro Calderón de la Barca

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Man is the measure of all things: of those which are, that they are; of those which are not, that they are not.

Protagoras of Adera

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Every man is wanted, and no man is wanted much.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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So free we seem, so fettered fast we are!

Robert Browning

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A man may drink and no be drunk;
A man may fight and no be slain;
A man may kiss a bonnie lass,

And aye be welcome back again.

Robert Burns

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Nature's law,
That man was made to mourn!

Robert Burns

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We labour soon, we labour late,
To feed the titled knave, man,
And a' the comfort we're to get,
Is that ayont the grave, man.

Robert Burns

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ESTRAGON ...Let's go.
VLADIMIR We can't.
ESTRAGON Why not?
VLADIMIR We're waiting for Godot.

Samuel Beckett

❁ ❁ ❁

Human life is everywhere a state in which much is to be endured, and little to be enjoyed.

Samuel Johnson

❁ ❁ ❁

I ofen looked up at the sky an' assed meself the question—what is the stars, what is the stars?

Sean O'Casey

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Life as we find it is too hard for us; it entails too

much pain, too many disappointments, impossible tasks. We cannot do without palliative remedies.

Sigmund Freud

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Oh wearisome condition of humanity!
Born under one law, to another bound.

Sir Fulke Greville

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What we call the beginning is often the end
And to make an end is to make a beginning.
The end is where we start from.

T. S. Eliot

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Birth, and copulation, and death.
That's all the facts when you come to brass tacks:
Birth, and copulation and death.
I've been born, and once is enough.

T. S. Eliot

❁ ❁ ❁

We are the hollow men
We are the stuffed men
Leaning together
Headpiece filled with straw. Alas!

T. S. Eliot

❁ ❁ ❁

I have measured out my life with coffee spoons.

T. S. Eliot

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We're all of us guinea pigs in the laboratory of God. Humanity is just a work in progress.

Tennessee Williams

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I wake to sleep, and take my waking slow.
I feel my fate in what I cannot fear.
I learn by going where I have to go.

Theodore Roethke

❁ ❁ ❁

Better be courted and jilted
Than never be courted at all.

Thomas Campbell

❁ ❁ ❁

Man is a tool-using animal. . . . Without tools he is nothing, with tools he is all.

Thomas Carlyle

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The condition of man...is a condition of war of everyone against everyone.

Thomas Hobbes

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No arts; no letters; no society; and which is worst of all, continual fear and danger of violent death; and the life of man, solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short.

Thomas Hobbes

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I eat well, and I drink well, and I sleep well—but

that's all.

Thomas Morton

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For what human ill does not dawn seem to be an alternative?

Thornton Wilder

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The universe is so vast and so ageless that the life of one man can only be justified by the measure of his sacrifice.

V. A. Rosewarne

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Wine comes in at the mouth
And love comes in at the eye;
That's all we shall know for truth
Before we grow old and die.

W. B. Yeats

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Alone, alone, about the dreadful wood
Of conscious evil runs a lost mankind,
Dreading to find its Father.

W. H. Auden

❁ ❁ ❁

Too many people grow up. That's the real trouble with the world, too many people grow up. They forget. They don't remember what it's like to be 12 years old. They patronise, they treat children as inferiors. Well I won't do that.

Walt Disney

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Fleas know not whether they are upon the body of a giant or upon one of ordinary size.

Walter Savage Landor

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Man was made for Joy & Woe
And when this we rightly know
Thro' the World we safely go.

William Blake

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Man as we know him is a poor creature; but he is halfway between an ape and a god and he is travelling in the right direction.

William Ralph Inge

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JAQUES All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts,
His acts being seven ages.

William Shakespeare

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WOLSEY Farewell, a long farewell, to all my greatness! This is the state of man: to-day he puts forth
The tender leaves of hopes: to-morrow blossoms
And bears his blushing honours thick upon him;
The third day comes a frost, a killing frost,
And when he thinks, good easy man, full surely

His greatness is a-ripening, nips his root,
And then he falls. as I do.

William Shakespeare

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Human Nature

Consistency is contrary to nature, contrary to life. The only completely consistent people are the dead.

Aldous Huxley

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Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity for taking things for granted.

Aldous Huxley

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Created half to rise, and half to fall;
Great lord of all things, yet a prey to all;
Sole judge of truth, in endless error hurl'd;
The glory, jest, and riddle of the world!

Alexander Pope

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Telling us to obey instinct is like telling us to obey "people." People say different things: so do instincts. Our instincts are at war...Each instinct, if you listen to it, will claim to be gratified at the expense of the rest.

C. S. Lewis

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Many things—such as loving, going to sleep or behaving unaffectedly—are done worst when we try

hardest to do them.

C. S. Lewis

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Men's natures are alike; it is their habits that carry them far apart.

Confucius

❁ ❁ ❁

It is part of human nature to hate the man you have hurt.

Cornelius Tacitus

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When dealing with people, let us remember we are not dealing with creatures of logic. We are dealing with creatures of emotion, creatures bristling with prejudices and motivated by pride and vanity.

Dale Carnegie

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Human condition

Enclosing every thin man, there's a fat man demanding elbow-room.

Evelyn Waugh

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Humankind

The salvation of mankind lies only in making everything the concern of all.

Aleksandr Isayevich Solzhenitsyn

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The proper study of Mankind is Man.

Alexander Pope

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Glory to Man in the highest! for Man is the master of things.

Algernon Charles Swinburne

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MAN, n. An animal so lost in rapturous contemplation of what he thinks he is as to overlook what he indubitably ought to be.

Ambrose Bierce

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Either a beast or a god.

Aristotle

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Man, when perfected, is the best of animals, but, when separated from law and justice, he is the worst of all.

Aristotle

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Man is a social animal.

Benedict Spinoza

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I have striven not to laugh at human actions, not to weep at them, nor to hate them, but to understand them.

Benedict Spinoza

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Hunger

The only power poor people have is their hunger.

Ben Okri

❁ ❁ ❁

Timid roach, why be so shy? We are brothers, thou and I. In the midnight, like thyself, I explore the pantry shelf.

Christopher Darlington Morley

❁ ❁ ❁

When he told men to love their neighbor, their bellies were full. Nowadays things are different.

Bertolt Brecht

❁ ❁ ❁

Oliver Twist has asked for more.

Charles Dickens

❁ ❁ ❁

If only it were as easy to banish hunger by rubbing the belly as it is to masturbate.

Diogenes

❁ ❁ ❁

I'm not interested in the bloody system! Why has he no food? Why is he starving to death?

Bob Geldof

❁ ❁ ❁

When at noon his paunch grew mutinous
For a plate of turtle green and glutinous.

Robert Browning

❁ ❁ ❁

The war against hunger is truly mankind's war of liberation.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

❁ ❁ ❁

A hungry stomach has no ears.

Jean de La Fontaine

❁ ❁ ❁

Or, take a surgical operation.
In consultation with the doctor...you are still the subject,
The centre of reality. But, stretched on the table.
You are a piece of furniture in a repair shop
For those who surround you, the masked actors;
All there is of you is your body
All the "you" is withdrawn.

T. S. Eliot

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Identity

How does it feel
To be without a home
Like a complete unknown
Like a rolling stone?

Bob Dylan

❁ ❁ ❁

"It's like the question of the authorship of the Iliad," said Mr Cardan. "The author of that poem is either Homer or, if not Homer, somebody else of the same name."

Aldous Huxley

❁ ❁ ❁

I don't have a photograph, but you can have my footprints. They are upstairs in my socks.

Groucho Marx

❁ ❁ ❁

I recognize that I am made up of several persons and that the person that at the moment has the upper hand will inevitably give place to another. But which is the real one? All of them or none?

Somerset Maugham

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Inspiration

Inspiration is the act of drawing up a chair to the writing desk.

Anonymous

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Jam today, and men aren't at their most exciting: Jam tomorrow, and one often sees them at their noblest.

C. P. Snow

❁ ❁ ❁

But as we went along there were more and yet more and at last under the boughs of the trees, we saw that there was a long belt of them along the shore, about the breadth of a country turnpike road. I never saw daffodils so beautiful they grew among the mossy stones about and about them, some rested their heads upon these stones as on a pillow for weariness and the rest tossed and reeled and danced and seemed as if they verily laughed with the wind that blew upon them over the lake.

Dorothy Wordsworth

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There are some times in your life when you have to call upon the best of all God gave you—and the best of what He didn't.

Gloria Naylor

❁ ❁ ❁

I tell poets that when a line just floats into your head, don't pay attention 'cause it probably has floated into somebody else's head.

Gwendolyn Brooks

❁ ❁ ❁

The deep well of unconscious cerebration.

Henry James

❁ ❁ ❁

That I make poetry and give pleasure (if I give pleasure) are because of you.

Horace

❁ ❁ ❁

Dance, and Provençal song, and sunburnt mirth!
O, for a beaker full of the warm South,
Full of the true, the blushful Hippocrene,
With beaded bubbles winking at the brim,
And purple-stainèd mouth.

John Keats

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Laërtius Diogenes

Plato having defined man to be a two-legged animal without feathers, Diogenes plucked a cock and brought it into the Academy, and said, "This is

Plato's man." On which account this addition was made to the definition—"with broad at nails."

Diogenes Laërtius

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Laughter

Loud, heap miseries upon us yet entwine our arts with laughters low! ·

James Joyce

❁ ❁ ❁

Laugh! I thought I should 'ave died.
Knocked 'em in the Old Kent Road.

Albert Chevalier

❁ ❁ ❁

Laughter is pleasant, but the exertion is too much for me.

Thomas Love Peacock

❁ ❁ ❁

But laughter is weakness, corruption, the foolishness of our flesh.

Umberto Eco

❁ ❁ ❁

There is nothing more unbecoming a man of quality than to laugh; Jesu, tis such a vulgar expression of the passion!

William Congreve

❁ ❁ ❁

Life And Death

Clay lies still, but blood's a rover;

Breath's a ware that will not keep
Up, lad: when the journey's over
There'll be time enough to sleep.

A. E. Housman

❁ ❁ ❁

No life that breathes with human breath
Has ever truly long'd for death.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

❁ ❁ ❁

When a man lies dying, he does not die from the disease alone. He dies from his whole life.

Charles Pierre Péguy

❁ ❁ ❁

Death and grief are little things. They are transient. Life must be before death, and joy before grief. Else there are no such things as death or grief. These are only negatives. Life is positive. Death is only the absence of life.

Frank Norris

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The payment for life is death.

George Jackson

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Longevity

LONGEVITY, n. Uncommon extension of the fear of death.

Ambrose Bierce

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Longevity is the revenge of talent upon genius.

Cyril Connolly

❁ ❁ ❁

If I'd known I was gonna live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself.

Eubie Blake

❁ ❁ ❁

Do not try to live forever. You will not succeed.

George Bernard Shaw

❁ ❁ ❁

A medical revolution has extended the life of our elder citizens without providing the dignity and security those later years deserve.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

❁ ❁ ❁

Life protracted is protracted woe.

Samuel Johnson

❁ ❁ ❁

Keep breathing.

Sophie Tucker

❁ ❁ ❁

Get your room full of good air, then shut up the windows and keep it. It will keep for years. Anyway, don't keep using your lungs all the time. Let them rest.

Stephen Leacock

❁ ❁ ❁

Luck

Fortune is not on the side of the faint-hearted.

Sophocles

❁ ❁ ❁

May the Force be with you.

George Lucas

People who need people are the luckiest people in the world.

Bob Merrill

I had never had a piece of toast
Particularly long and wide,
But fell upon the sanded floor,
And always on the buttered side.

James Payn

I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it.

Stephen Leacock

"Sure, I rose the wrong way to-day, I have had such damn'd ill luck every way."

Aphra Behn

Fortune leaves always some door open to come at a remedy.

Miguel de Cervantes

Ill-luck, you know, seldom comes alone.

Miguel de Cervantes

We ought to feel deep cheerfulness that a happy Providence kept it from being any worse.

Thomas Hardy

❁ ❁ ❁

Now for good lucke, cast an old shooe after me.

John Heywood

❁ ❁ ❁

What are we to make of luck in our methodology of science? In the inductive view, luck strikes me as completely inexplicable: it can arise only from the gratuitous obtrusion of something utterly unexpected upon the senses.

Peter Medawar

❁ ❁ ❁

The only sure thing about luck is that it will change.

Wilson Mizner

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Melancholy

Tears, idle tears, I know not what they mean,
Tears from the depth of some divine despair.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

❁ ❁ ❁

The only good thing left to me is that I have sometimes wept.

Alfred de Musset

❁ ❁ ❁

Nothing's so dainty sweet as lovely melancholy.

Francis Beaumont

❁ ❁ ❁

I read, and sigh, and wish I were a tree;
For sure then I should grow
To fruit or shade; at least some bird would trust
Her household to me, and I should be just.

George Herbert

❁ ❁ ❁

I said to Heart, "How goes it?" Heart replied:
"Right as a Ribstone Pippin!" But it lied.

Hilaire Belloc

❁ ❁ ❁

Now stagnant grows my too refinèd clay;
I envy birds their wings to fly away.

John Clare

❁ ❁ ❁

Tell us, pray, what devil
This melancholy is, which can transform
Men into monsters.

John Ford

❁ ❁ ❁

But when the melancholy fit shall fall
Sudden from heaven like a weeping cloud,
That fosters the droop-headed flowers all,
And hides the green hill in an April shroud;
Then glut thy sorrow on a morning rose,
Or on the rainbow of the salt sand-wave,
Or on the wealth of globèd peonies;
Or if thy mistress some rich anger shows,
Emprison her soft hand, and let her rave,

And feed deep, deep upon her peerless eyes

John Keats

❁ ❁ ❁

Ay, in the very temple of delight
Veil'd Melancholy has her sovran shrine.
Though seen of none save him whose strenuous tongue
Can burst Joy's grape against his palate fine.

John Keats

❁ ❁ ❁

It seems to me (said she) that you are in some brown study.

John Lyly

❁ ❁ ❁

Wrapt in a pleasing fit of melancholy.

John Milton

❁ ❁ ❁

Heavy thoughts bring on physical maladies; when the soul is oppressed so is the body.

Martin Luther

❁ ❁ ❁

All my joys to this are folly,
Naught so sweet as Melancholy.

Robert Burton

❁ ❁ ❁

I am aware of the damp souls of the housemaids
Sprouting despondently at area gates.

T. S. Eliot

❁ ❁ ❁

On a tree by a river a little tom-tit
Sang "Willow, titwillow, titwillow!"

W. S. Gilbert

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Memory

It is so surprising, is it not, how even the worst happenings of the past acquire a sweetness in the memory. Old harsh distresses are now merely pictures and tastes which hurt no more, like itching scars which can only give pleasure now.

Ayi Kwei Armah

❁ ❁ ❁

I got a long memory and I came from a line of black and goin on women.

Lucille Clifton

❁ ❁ ❁

KING Praising what is lost
Makes the remembrance dear.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

Every street-lamp that I pass
Beats like a fatalistic drum,
And through the spaces of the dark
Midnight shakes the memory
As a madman shakes a dead geranium.

T. S. Eliot

❁ ❁ ❁

OPHELIA There's rosemary, that's for remembra-

nce; pray, love, remember: and there is pansies, that's for thoughts.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

Memories are hunting horns whose sound dies on the wind.

Guillaume Apollinaire

❁ ❁ ❁

KING HENRY V Old men forget; yet all shall be forgot,
But he'll remember, with advantages,
What feats he did that day.
William Shakespeare (1564–1616), English poet and playwright.

Henry V

❁ ❁ ❁

But when the days of golden dreams had perished,
And even Despair was powerless to destroy,
Then did I learn how existence could be cherished,
Strengthened, and fed without the aid of joy.

Emily Brontë

❁ ❁ ❁

Till life forget and death remember,
Till thou remember and I forget.

Algernon Charles Swinburne

❁ ❁ ❁

I have more memories than if I were a thousand years old.

Charles Baudelaire

❁ ❁ ❁

I would I were
In Grantchester, in Grantchester!

Rupert Brooke

❁ ❁ ❁

I can never remember whether it snowed for six days and six nights when I was twelve or whether it snowed for twelve days and twelve nights when I was six.

Dylan Thomas

❁ ❁ ❁

Just now the lilac is in bloom
All before my little room.

Rupert Brooke

❁ ❁ ❁

Memory is history recorded in our brain, memory is a painter, it paints pictures of the past and of the day.

Grandma Moses

❁ ❁ ❁

By the old Moulmein Pagoda, lookin' eastward to the sea,
There's a Burma girl a-settin', and I know she thinks o' me;
For the wind is in the palm-trees, an' the temple-bells they say:
"Come you back, you British soldier; come you back to Mandalay!" Come you back to Mandalay,
Where the old Flotilla lay:
Can't you 'ear their paddles chunkin' from Rangoon

to Mandalay?
On the road to Mandalay,
Where the flyin'-fishes play,
An' the dawn comes up like thunder outer China 'crost the Bay!

Rudyard Kipling

Am in Market Harbourough. Where ought I to be?

G. K. Chesterton

The taste was that of the little crumb of madeleine which on Sunday mornings at Combray...when I used to say good-day to her in her bedroom, my aunt Léonie used to give me, dipping it first in her own cup of real or of lime-flower tea.

Marcel Proust

What peaceful hours I once enjoy'd!
How sweet their mem'ry still!
But they have left an aching void
The world can never fill.

William Cowper

A man should keep his little brain attic stocked with all the furniture that he is likely to use, and the rest he can put away in the lumber room of his library, where he can get it if he wants it.

Arthur Conan Doyle

A liar should have a good memory.

Quintilian

❁ ❁ ❁

Oon ere it herde, at tother out it wente.

Geoffrey Chaucer

❁ ❁ ❁

What a strange thing is memory, and hope; one looks backward, the other forward. The one is of today, the other is the Tomorrow. Memory is history recorded in our brain, memory is a painter, it paints pictures of the past and of the day.

Grandma Moses

❁ ❁ ❁

Sweet Memory! wafted by thy gentle gale,
Oft up the stream of Time I turn my sail.

Samuel Rogers

❁ ❁ ❁

If she can stand it I can. Play it!

Humphrey Bogart

❁ ❁ ❁

To endeavor to forget anyone is a certain way of thinking of nothing else.

Jean de La Bruyère

❁ ❁ ❁

Glanced sideway, leaving the tumultuous throng
To cut across the reflex of a star;
Image, that flying still before me, gleamed

Upon the glassy plain.

William Wordsworth

❁ ❁ ❁

While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

W. B. Yeats

❁ ❁ ❁

Oft in the stilly night.
Ere Slumber's chain has bound me.
Fond Memory brings the light
Of other days around me;
The smiles, the tears,
Of boyhood's years,
The words of love then spoken;
The eyes that shone,
Now dimmed and gone,
The cheerful hearts now broken!

Thomas Moore

❁ ❁ ❁

When the lamp is shattered
The light in the dust lies dead
When the cloud is scattered
The rainbow's glory is shed.
When the lute is broken,
Sweet tones are remembered not;
When the lips have spoken,

Loved accents are soon forgot.

Percy Bysshe Shelley

Oh, yes I remember it well.

Alan Jay Lerner

Thanks for the Memory

Leo Robin

God gave us our memories so that we might have roses in December.

James Barrie

Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land.

Christina Rossetti

Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

Christina Rossetti

I have been here before.
But when or how I cannot tell:
I know the grass beyond the door,
The sweet keen smell,
The sighing sound, the lights around the shore.

Dante Gabriel Rossetti

I've a grand memory for forgetting, David.

Robert Louis Stevenson

Only stay quiet while my mind remembers
The beauty of fire from the beauty of embers.

John Masefield

What makes old age hard to bear is not the failing of one's faculties, mental and physical, but the burden of one's memories.

Somerset Maugham

Look back, and smile at perils past.

Sir Walter Scott

Footfalls echo in the memory
Down the passage which we did not take
Towards the door we never opened
Into the rose-garden. My words echo
Thus, in your mind.

T. S. Eliot

Yes. I remember Adlestrop—
The name, because one afternoon
Of heat the express train drew up there
Unwontedly. It was late June.

Edward Thomas

And when he is out of sight, quickly also is he out of mind.

Thomas à Kempis

❁ ❁ ❁

I suppose that the high-water mark of my youth in Columbus, Ohio, was the night the bed fell on my father.

James Thurber

❁ ❁ ❁

Oh, I have roamed o'er many lands,
And many friends I've met;
Not one fair scene or kindly smile
Can this fond heart forget.

Thomas Haynes Bayly

❁ ❁ ❁

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude.

William Wordsworth

❁ ❁ ❁

But for those obstinate questionings
Of sense and outward things,
Fallings from us, vanishings;
Blank misgivings of a Creature
Moving about in worlds not realised,
High instincts before which our mortal nature

Did tremble like a guilty Thing surprised.

William Wordsworth

❁ ❁ ❁

Middle Age

You've reached middle age when all you exercise is caution.

Anonymous

❁ ❁ ❁

Forty is the old age of youth; fifty is the youth of old age.

Anonymous

❁ ❁ ❁

Middle age is when your age starts to show around the middle.

Bob Hope

❁ ❁ ❁

In a man's middle years there is scarcely a part of the body he would hesitate to turn over to the proper authorities.

E. B. White

❁ ❁ ❁

Years ago we discovered the exact point the dead center of middle age. It occurs when you are too young to take up golf and too old to rush up to the net.

Franklin Adams

❁ ❁ ❁

You don't have the same resistance to alcohol. You

lose the arrogance you have when you are 20. Thank God.

Gérard Depardieu

❁ ❁ ❁

She, though in full-blown flower of glorious beauty,
Grows cold even in the summer of her age.

John Dryden

❁ ❁ ❁

One has to be able to count, if only so that at fifty one doesn't marry a girl of twenty.

Maksim Gorky

❁ ❁ ❁

I am past thirty, and three parts iced over.

Matthew Arnold

❁ ❁ ❁

Middle age snuffs out more talent than even wars or sudden deaths do.

Richard Hughes

❁ ❁ ❁

The years between fifty and seventy are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things, and you are not yet decrepit enough to turn them down.

T. S. Eliot

❁ ❁ ❁

Misfortune

A still small voice spake unto me,
"Thou art so full of misery,

Were it not better not to be?"

Alfred Lord Tennyson

Calamities are of two kinds: misfortune to ourselves, and good fortune to others.

Ambrose Bierce

Calamity is man's true touchstone.

Beaumont & Fletcher

"I am a lone lorn creetur," were Mrs Gummidges words, "and everythink goes contrairy with me."

Charles Dickens

We are all strong enough to bear the misfortunes of others.

François de La Rochefoucauld

In the misfortune of our best friends, we always find something which is not displeasing to us.

François de La Rochefoucauld

Ill fortune seldom comes alone.

John Dryden

Oh! ye prosperous! prate of the uses of adversity as poetically as you please, we who are obliged to learn of them by bitter experience would greatly prefer a

change of surroundings.

Lucy A. Delaney

❁ ❁ ❁

Ill news hath wings, and with the wind doth go,
Comfort's a cripple and comes ever slow.

Michael Drayton

❁ ❁ ❁

To lose one parent, Mr. Worthing, may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose both looks like carelessness.

Oscar Wilde

❁ ❁ ❁

My flocks feed not,
My ewes breed not.
My rams speed not.
All is amiss.
Love is dying,
Faith's defying,
Heart's denying,
Causer of this.

Richard Barnfield

❁ ❁ ❁

I could not see my little friend, because he was not there!
But when the Crier cried, "O Yes!" the people cried, "O No!"

Richard Harris Barham

❁ ❁ ❁

A lion who dies of an ass's kick,

The wronged great soul of an ancient Master.

Robert Browning

❁ ❁ ❁

Depend upon it that if a man talks of his misfortunes there is something in them that is not disagreeable to him; for where there is nothing but pure misery there never is any recourse to the mention of it.

Samuel Johnson

❁ ❁ ❁

If you choose to represent the various parts in life by holes upon a table, of different shapes,—some circular, some triangular, some square, some oblong,—and the persons acting these parts by bits of wood of similar shapes, we shall generally find that the triangular person has got into the square hole, the oblong into the triangular, and a square person has squeezed himself into the round hole.

Sydney Smith

❁ ❁ ❁

When I take a full view and circle of myself, without this reasonable moderator and equal piece of justice, Death, I do conceive myself the miserablest person extant.

Thomas Browne

❁ ❁ ❁

Everything is funny, as long as it's happening to somebody else.

Will Rogers

❁ ❁ ❁

KING When sorrows come, they come not single spies,
But in battalions!

William Shakespeare

Mortality

A heap of dust alone remains of thee;
'Tis all thou art, and all the proud shall be!

Alexander Pope

What argufies pride and ambition?
Soon or late death will take us in tow:
Each bullet has got its commission,
And when our time's come we must go.

Charles Dibdin

I, born of flesh and ghost, was neither
A ghost nor man, but mortal ghost.
And I was struck down by death's feather.

Dylan Thomas

Time held me green and dying
Though I sang in my chains like the sea.

Dylan Thomas

All men think all men mortal, but themselves.

Edward Young

Man wants but little, nor that little long.

Edward Young

❁ ❁ ❁

There is no cure for birth and death save to enjoy the interval.

George Santayana

❁ ❁ ❁

Art is long, and Time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still, like muffled drums, are beating
Funeral marches to the grave.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

❁ ❁ ❁

Go and try to disprove death. Death will disprove you, and that's all!

Ivan Turgenev

❁ ❁ ❁

I was not unaware that I had begotten a mortal.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

❁ ❁ ❁

All humane things are subject to decay,
And, when Fate summons, Monarchs must obey.

John Dryden

❁ ❁ ❁

This living hand, now warm and capable
Of earnest grasping, would, if it were cold
And in the icy silence of the tomb,
So haunt thy days and chill thy dreaming nights

That thou wouldst wish thine own heart dry of blood
So in my veins red life might stream again,
And thus be conscience-calm'd—see here it is—
I hold it towards you.

John Keats

The Wine of Life keeps oozing drop by drop,
The Leaves of Life keep falling one by one.

Omar Khayyám

They live ill who expect to live always.

Publilius Syrus

Plastered with placards for
"Deathless,"
that bitter beer that tastes sweet to its drinkers.

Rainer Maria Rilke

Of joys departed,
Not to return, how painful the remembrance!

Robert Blair

Old and young, we are all on our last cruise.

Robert Louis Stevenson

I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow-creature, let me do it

now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

Stephen Grellet

❁ ❁ ❁

Ah, happy hills! ah, pleasing shade!
Ah, fields beloved in vain!
Where once my careless childhood strayed,
A stranger yet to pain!
I feel the gales, that from ye blow,
A momentary bliss bestow.

Thomas Gray

❁ ❁ ❁

The boast of heraldry, the pomp of pow'r,
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave,
Awaits alike th' inevitable hour:
The paths of glory lead but to the grave.

Thomas Gray

❁ ❁ ❁

Alas, regardless of their doom,
The little victims play!

Thomas Gray

❁ ❁ ❁

Their name, their years, spelt by th' unletter'd muse,
The place of fame and elegy supply:
And many a holy text around she strews,
That teach the rustic moralist to die.

Thomas Gray

❁ ❁ ❁

That is no country for old men. The young
In one another's arms, birds in the trees,
—Those dying generations—at their song.
The salmon-falls, the mackerel-crowded seas,
Fish, flesh, or fowl, commend all summer long
Whatever is begotten, born, and dies.

W. B. Yeats

❁ ❁ ❁

!s life a boon
If so, it must befall
That Death, whene'er he call,
Must call too soon.

W. S. Gilbert

❁ ❁ ❁

GUIDERIUS Fear no more the heat o' the sun,
Nor the furious winter's rages;
Thou thy worldly task hast done,
Home art gone and ta'en thy wages.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

Nakedness

Nakedness is uncomely as well in mind, as body.

Francis Bacon

❁ ❁ ❁

The part never calls for it. And I've never ever used that excuse. The box office calls for it.

Helen Mirren

❁ ❁ ❁

Only before the eyes of God can the human body remain nude and uncovered while fully conserving its splendor and beauty.

John Paul II

❁ ❁ ❁

No woman so naked as one you can see to be naked underneath her clothes.

Michael Frayn

❁ ❁ ❁

The uniform 'e wore
Was nothin' much before.
An' rather less than 'arf o' that be'ind.

Rudyard Kipling

❁ ❁ ❁

Necessity makes an honest man a knave.

Daniel Defoe

❁ ❁ ❁

Necessity

You gotta have a swine to show you where the truffles are.

Edward Albee

❁ ❁ ❁

Give us the luxuries of life, and we will dispense with its necessities.

John Lothrop Motley

❁ ❁ ❁

They must needs go whom the Devil drives.

Miguel de Cervantes

❁ ❁ ❁

Necessity hath no law.

Oliver Cromwell

❁ ❁ ❁

The true creator is necessity, which is the mother of invention.

Plato

❁ ❁ ❁

Necessity knows no law.

Publilius Syrus

❁ ❁ ❁

Make a virtue of necessity.

Robert Burton

❁ ❁ ❁

Necessity knows no law and discriminates in favor of no man or race.

Timothy Thomas Fortune

❁ ❁ ❁

LEAR The art of our necessities is strange,
That can make vile things precious.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

GAUNT Teach thy necessity to reason thus:
There is no virtue like necessity.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

KING RICHARD I am sworn brother, sweet,
To grim Necessity, and he and I

Will keep a league till death.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

Nonsense

"A loaf of bread," the Walrus said,
"Is what we chiefly need:
Pepper and vinegar besides
Are very good indeed
Now if you're ready, Oysters dear,
We can begin to feed."

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

"I weep for you," the Walrus said:
"I deeply sympathize."
With sobs and tears he sorted out
Those of the largest size,
Holding his pocket-handkerchief
Before his streaming eyes.

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

"I never ask advice about growing," Alice said indignantly.

"Too proud?" the other enquired.

Alice felt even more indignant at this suggestion. "I mean," she said, "that one can't help growing older."

"One can't, perhaps," said Humpty Dumpty; "but Two can."

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

"You are old, Father William," the young man said,
"And your hair has become very white;
And yet you incessantly stand on your head—
Do you think at your age, it is right?"

Lewis Carroll

Twinkle, twinkle, little bat!
How I wonder what you're at!
Up above the world you fly!
Like a teatray in the sky.

Lewis Carroll

May you live all the days of your life.

Jonathan Swift

"And hast thou slain the Jabberwock?
Come to my arms, my beamish boy!
O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!"
He chortled in his joy.

Lewis Carroll

"You know," he said very gravely, "it's one of the most serious things that can possibly happen to one in a battle—to get one's head cut off."

Lewis Carroll

"Will you walk a little faster?" said a whiting to a snail,

"There's a porpoise close behind us, and he's treading on my tail."

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

Soup of the evening, beautiful Soup!

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

The Queen of Hearts, she made some tarts,
All on a summer day:
The Knave of Hearts, he stole those tarts,
And took them quite away!

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

"No, no!" said the Queen. "Sentence first—verdict afterwards."

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

If ever there was a case of clearer evidence than this of persons acting in concert together, this case is that case.

William Arabin

❁ ❁ ❁

Long ago he was one of the singers,
But now he is one of the dumbs.

Edward Lear

❁ ❁ ❁

Who, or why, or which, or what,
Is the Akond of SWAT?

Edward Lear

❁ ❁ ❁

One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas.
How he got into my pajamas I'll never know.

Groucho Marx

❁ ❁ ❁

A child of five would understand this.
Send somebody to fetch a child of five.

Groucho Marx

❁ ❁ ❁

"I'm sure nobody walks much faster than I do!" "He can't do that," said the King, "or else he'd have been here first."

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

'Tis the voice of the lobster; I heard him declare,
"You have baked me too brown, I must sugar my hair."

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

Tweedledum and Tweedledee
Agreed to have a battle;
For Tweedledum said Tweedledee
Had spoiled his nice new rattle.

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

The Walrus and the Carpenter
Were walking close at hand;
They wept like anything to see
Such quantities of sand:

`If this were only cleared away,'
They said, `it would be grand!'

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

"The time has come," the Walrus said,
"To talk of many things:
Of shoes—and ships—and sealing-wax—
Of cabbages—and kings—
And why the sea is boiling hot—
And whether pigs have wings."

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

But answer came there none—
And this was scarcely odd because
They'd eaten every one.

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

"They gave it me," Humpty Dumpty continued thoughtfully,..."for an un-birthday present."

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

So she went into the garden to cut a cabbage-leaf; to make an apple-pie; and at the same time a great she-bear, coming up the street, pops its head into the shop. What! no soap? So he died, and she very imprudently married the barber; and there were present the Picninnies, and the Joblillies, and the Garyalies, and the grand Panjandrum himself, with

the little round button at top, and they all fell to playing the game of catch as catch can, till the gun powder ran out at the heels of their boots.

Samuel Foote

❁ ❁ ❁

SEAGOON I want you to accompany me on the safari.

BLOODNOCK Gad sir, I'm sorry, I've never played one.

Spike Milligan

❁ ❁ ❁

Jack the Ripper's dead,
And lying in his bed.
He cut his throat
With Sunlight Soap.
Jack the Ripper's dead.

Anonymous

❁ ❁ ❁

And she made him a feast at his earnest wish
Of eggs and buttercups fried with fish;—
And she said,—"It's a fact the whole world knows,
"That Pobbles are happier without their toes."

Edward Lear

❁ ❁ ❁

Pussy said to the Owl, "You elegant fowl!
How charmingly sweet you sing!
O let us be married! too long we have tarried:

But what shall we do for a ring?"

Edward Lear

❁ ❁ ❁

There was an old person of Slough,
Who danced at the end of a bough;
But they said, "If you sneeze,
You might damage the trees,
You imprudent old person of Slough."

Edward Lear

❁ ❁ ❁

'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe;
All mimsy were the borogoves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.
"Beware the Jabberwock, my son!
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!"

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

"You look a little shy; let me introduce you to that leg of mutton," said the Red Queen. "Alice—Mutton; Mutton—Alice."

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

And those who watch at that midnight hour
From Hall or Terrace or lofty Tower,
Cry as the wild light passes along,
"The Dong!—the Dong!
The wandering Dong through the forest goes!

The Dong!—the Dong!
The Dong with a Luminous Nose!"

Edward Lear

❁ ❁ ❁

There was an old person of Ware,
Who rode on the back of a bear:
When they asked,"Does it trot?"
He said, "Certainly not!
He's a Moppsikon Floppsikon bear."

Edward Lear

❁ ❁ ❁

Why is this thus? What is the reason of this thusness?

Artemus Ward

❁ ❁ ❁

The Owl looked up to the Stars above
And sang to a small guitar,
"Oh lovely Pussy! O Pussy, my love,
What a beautiful Pussy you are, You are,
You are!
What a beautiful pussy you are!"

Edward Lear

❁ ❁ ❁

The Pobble who has no toes
Had once as many as we;
When they said, "Some day you may lose them all";
He replied, "Fish fiddle de-dee!"

Edward Lear

❁ ❁ ❁

How doth the little crocodile
Improve his shining tail,
And pour the waters of the Nile
On every golden scale!

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

This particularly rapid, unintelligible patter
Isn't generally heard, and if it is it doesn't matter.

W. S. Gilbert

❁ ❁ ❁

They sailed away for a year and a day,
To the land where the Bong-tree grows,
And there in a wood a Piggy-wig stood
With a ring at the end of his nose.

Edward Lear

❁ ❁ ❁

"In my youth," Father William replied to his son,
"I feared it might injure the brain;
But now that I'm perfectly sure I have none,
Why, I do it again and again."

Lewis Carroll

❁ ❁ ❁

They will steal the very teeth out of your mouth as you walk through the streets. I know it from experience.

William Arabin

❁ ❁ ❁

If all the world were paper,

And all the sea were ink,
And all the trees were bread and cheese,
What should we do for drink?

Anonymous

❁ ❁ ❁

I shoot the Hippopotamus
With bullets made of platinum,
Because if I use leaden ones
His hide is sure to flatten 'em.

Hilaire Belloc

❁ ❁ ❁

There was an Old Man with a beard,
Who said, "It is just as I feared!—
Two Owls and a Hen,
Four Larks and a Wren,
Have all built their nests in my beard!"

Edward Lear

❁ ❁ ❁

On the Coast of Coromandel
Where the early pumpkins blow,
In the middle of the woods
Lived the Yonghy-Bonghy-Bó.

Edward Lear

❁ ❁ ❁

They went to sea in a sieve, they did
In a sieve they went to sea.

Edward Lear

❁ ❁ ❁

Far and few, far and few,
Are the lands where the Jumblies live;
Their heads are green, and their hands are blue,
And they went to sea in a Sieve.

Edward Lear

He has many friends, laymen and clerical.
Old Foss is the name of his cat;
His body is perfectly spherical,
He weareth a runcible hat.

Edward Lear

He thought he saw a Banker's Clerk
Descending from the bus:
He looked again, and found it was
A Hippopotamus:
"If this should stay to dine", he said,
"There won't be much for us."

Lewis Carroll

Gertrude Stein is the mama of dada.

Clifton Fadiman

He thought he saw a Banker's Clerk
Descending from the bus:
He looked again, and found it was
A Hippopotamus:
"If this should stay to dine", he said,

"There won't be much for us."

Lewis Carroll

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Gertrude Stein is the mama of dada.

Clifton Fadiman

❁ ❁ ❁

There was an old man of Thermopylae,
Who never did anything properly;
But they said, "If you choose
To boil eggs in your shoes,
You shall never remain in Thermopylae."

Edward Lear

❁ ❁ ❁

The Owl and the Pussy-Cat went to sea
In a beautiful pea-green boat,
They took some honey, and plenty of money,
Wrapped up in a five-pound note.

Edward Lear

❁ ❁ ❁

They dined on mince, and slices of quince,
Which they ate with a runcible spoon;
And hand in hand, on the edge of the sand,
They danced by the light of the moon.

Edward Lear

❁ ❁ ❁

Novelty

There are three things which the public will always clamour for, sooner or later: namely, Novelty,

novelty, novelty.

Thomas Hood

❁ ❁ ❁

If we do not find anything pleasant, at least we shall find something new.

Voltaire

❁ ❁ ❁

We trained hard, but it seemed every time we were beginning to form up into teams, we would be reorganized. I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganizing.

Petronius Arbiter

❁ ❁ ❁

Pain

Pain—has an Element of Blank—
It cannot recollect
When it begun—or if there were
A time when it was not.

Emily Dickinson

❁ ❁ ❁

The point is that nobody likes having salt rubbed into their wounds, even if it is the salt of the earth.

Rebecca West

❁ ❁ ❁

LEONATO For there was never yet philosopher
That could endure the toothache patiently.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

Procreation

I will take some savage woman, she shall rear my dusky race.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

❁ ❁ ❁

We have been God-like in our planned breeding of our domesticated plants and animals, but we have been rabbit-like in our unplanned breeding of ourselves.

Arnold Toynbee

❁ ❁ ❁

Common morality now treats childbearing as an aberration. There are practically no good reasons left for exercising one's fertility.

Germaine Greer

❁ ❁ ❁

The management of fertility is one of the most important functions of adulthood.

Germaine Greer

❁ ❁ ❁

Surely you don't mean by unartificial insemination!

James Thurber

❁ ❁ ❁

Familiarity breeds contempt—and children.

Mark Twain

❁ ❁ ❁

I was ever of opinion, that the honest man who married and brought up a large family, did more

service than he who continued single and only talked of population.

Oliver Goldsmith

❁ ❁ ❁

Sleep

I have never seen the sense in sleeping with people. A man should wake up in his own bed. A woman likewise. Whatever they choose to do prior to sleeping is no reason to deny them that right.

Chinua Achebe

❁ ❁ ❁

KING O sleep, O gentle sleep,
Nature's soft nurse, how have I frighted thee,
That thou no more wilt weigh my eyelids down,
And steep my senses in forgetfulness?

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

DOCTOR Our foster nurse of nature is repose.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

Living is an illness to which sleep provides relief every sixteen hours. It's a palliative. The remedy is death.

Nicolas Chamfort

❁ ❁ ❁

Laugh and the world laughs with you; snore and you sleep alone.

Anthony Burgess

❁ ❁ ❁

Golden slumbers kiss your eyes,
Smiles awake you when you rise.

Thomas Dekker

Now deep in my bed I turn
and the world turns on the other side.

Elizabeth Jennings

Turn the key deftly in the oiled wards,
And seal the hushed casket of my soul.

John Keats

Life is something to do when you can't get to sleep.

Fran Lebowitz

Come, Sleep! O Sleep, the certain knot of peace,
The bathing-place of wit, the balm of woe,
The poore man's wealth, the prisoner's release,
The indifferent judge between the hie and lowe.

Philip Sidney

How do people go to sleep? I'm afraid I've lost the knack. I might try busting myself smartly over the temple with the nightlight. I might repeat to myself, slowly and soothingly, a list of quotations beautiful from minds profound; if I can remember any of the damn things.

Dorothy Parker

There ain't no way to find out why a snorer can't hear himself snore.

Mark Twain

It was the time when first sleep begins for weary mortals and by the gift of the gods creeps over them most welcomely.

Virgil

I have come to the borders of sleep,
The unfathomable deep
Forest where all must lose
Their way, however straight,
Or winding, soon or late;
They cannot choose.

Edward Thomas

There are two gates of Sleep, one of which it is held is made of horn—and by it real ghosts have easy egress; the other shining fashioned of gleaming white ivory, but deceptive are the visions the Underworld sends that way to the light.

Virgil

The amount of sleep required by the average person is just five minutes more.

Anonymous

Three natural anesthetics...sleep, fainting, death.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

❁ ❁ ❁

Sleep is gross, a form of abandonment, and it is impossible for anyone to awake and observe its sordid consequences save with a faint sense of recent dissipation, of minute personal disquiet and remorse.

Patrick Hamilton

❁ ❁ ❁

Health is the first muse, and sleep is the condition to produce it.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

❁ ❁ ❁

Sleep is that golden chaine that ties health and our bodies together.

Thomas Dekker

❁ ❁ ❁

Sleep is when all the unsorted stuff comes flying out as from a dustbin upset in a high wind.

William Golding

❁ ❁ ❁

Those no-sooner-have-I-touched-the-pillow people are past my comprehension. There is something bovine about them.

J. B. Priestley

❁ ❁ ❁

I did not sleep. I never do when I am over-happy, over-unhappy, or in bed with a strange man.

Edna O'Brien

Blessings on him who invented sleep, the mantle that covers all human thoughts, the food that satisfies hunger, the drink that slakes thirst, the fire that warms cold.

Miguel de Cervantes

As though a rose should shut, and be a bud again.

John Keats

Half our days we pass in the shadow of the earth; and the brother of death exacteth a third part of our lives.

Thomas Browne

Sleep is a death;—O make me try
By sleeping, what it is to die!
And as gently lay my head
On my grave, as now my bed.

Thomas Browne

Smallness

Let us not take it for granted that life exists more fully in what is commonly thought big than in what is

commonly thought small

Virginia Woolf

❁ ❁ ❁

Solitude

Comrades, leave me here a little, while as yet 'tis early morn:
Leave me here, and when you want me, sound upon the bugle-horn.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

❁ ❁ ❁

It is a fine thing to be out on the hills alone. A man can hardly be a beast or a fool alone on a great mountain.

Francis Kilvert

❁ ❁ ❁

Oh for a lodge in some vast wilderness,
Some boundless contiguity of shade,
Where rumour of oppression and deceit,
Of unsuccessful or successful war,
Might never reach me more.

William Cowper

❁ ❁ ❁

Behold her, single in the field,
Yon solitary Highland lass!

William Wordsworth

❁ ❁ ❁

Society, friendship, and love,
Divinely bestowed upon man,

Oh, had I the wings of a dove,
How soon would I taste you again!

William Cowper

I am monarch of all I survey,
My right there is none to dispute;
From the centre all round to the sea
I am lord of the foul and the brute.
Oh, solitude! where are the charms
That sages have seen in thy face?
Better dwell in the midst of alarms,
Than reign in this horrible place.

William Cowper

A man should keep for himself a little back shop, all his own, quite unadulterated, in which he establishes his true freedom and chief place of seclusion and solitude.

Michel de Montaigne

Anythin' for a quiet life, as the man said wen he took the sitivation at the lighthouse.

Charles Dickens

The worst solitude is to be destitute of sincere friendship.

Francis Bacon

I was never less alone than when by myself.

Edward Gibbon

❁ ❁ ❁

I want to be alone.

Greta Garbo

❁ ❁ ❁

I have a great deal of company in the house, especially in the morning when nobody calls.

Henry David Thoreau

❁ ❁ ❁

Whosoever is delighted in solitude is either a wild beast or a god.

Francis Bacon

❁ ❁ ❁

As sickness is the greatest misery so the greatest misery of sickness is solitude. Solitude is a torment which is not threatened in hell itself.

John Donne

❁ ❁ ❁

In solitude
What happiness, who can enjoy alone,
Or all enjoying, what contentment find?

John Milton

❁ ❁ ❁

Solitude is the playfield of Satan.

Vladimir Nabokov

❁ ❁ ❁

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,

And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made;
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee,
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

W. B. Yeats

❁ ❁ ❁

One of the pleasantest things in the world is going on a journey; but I like to go by myself.

William Hazlitt

❁ ❁ ❁

I never found the companion that was so companionable as solitude.

Henry David Thoreau

❁ ❁ ❁

Then stirs the feeling infinite, so felt
In solitude, where we are least alone.

Lord Byron

❁ ❁ ❁

And I was taught to feel, perhaps too much,
The self-sufficing power of Solitude.

William Wordsworth

❁ ❁ ❁

I want to be a movement
But there's no one on my side.

Adrian Mitchell

❁ ❁ ❁

One can acquire everything in solitude—except character.

Stendhal

❁ ❁ ❁

She dwelt among the untrodden ways
Beside the springs of Dove,
A maid whom there were none to praise
And very few to love.

William Wordsworth

❁ ❁ ❁

Stress

Art thou weary, art thou languid,
Art thou sore distressed?

John Mason Neale

❁ ❁ ❁

Stop the World, I Want to Get Off

Anthony Newiey

❁ ❁ ❁

After quitting radio I was able to live on the money I saved on aspirins.

Fred Allen

❁ ❁ ❁

This suspense is terrible. I hope it will last.

Oscar Wilde

❁ ❁ ❁

Suffering

And taste
The melancholy joy of evils past:

For he who much has suffer'd, much will know.

Alexander Pope

❁ ❁ ❁

I love the majesty of human suffering.

Alfred de Vigny

❁ ❁ ❁

My life is one demd horrid grind!

Charles Dickens

❁ ❁ ❁

I am only half there when I am ill, and so there is only half a man to suffer. To suffer in one's whole self is so great a violation, that it is not to be endured.

D. H. Lawrence

❁ ❁ ❁

In trouble to be troubled
Is to have your trouble doubled.

Daniel Defoe

❁ ❁ ❁

Know how sublime a thing it is
To suffer and be strong.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

❁ ❁ ❁

Pity is the feeling which arrests the mind in the presence of whatsoever is grave and constant in human sufferings and unites it with the human sufferer. Terror is the feeling which arrests the mind in the presence of whatsoever is grave and constant

in human sufferings and unites it with the secret cause.

James Joyce

❁ ❁ ❁

Our torments also may in length of time
Become our elements.

John Milton

❁ ❁ ❁

There is no point in being overwhelmed by the appalling total of human suffering; such a total does not exist. Neither poverty nor pain is accumulable.

Jorge Luis Borges

❁ ❁ ❁

Much of your pain is self-chosen.
It is the bitter potion by which the physician within you heals your sick self.

Kahlil Gibran

❁ ❁ ❁

What deep wounds ever closed without a scar?

Lord Byron

❁ ❁ ❁

A man who fears suffering is already suffering from what he fears.

Michel de Montaigne

❁ ❁ ❁

Well may I say my life has been
One scene of sorrow and of pain;
From early days I griefs have know,

And as I grew my griefs have grown.

Olaudah Equiano

❁ ❁ ❁

The mind grows sicker than the body in contemplation of its suffering.

Ovid

❁ ❁ ❁

There is nothing encourageth a woman sooner to be barren than hard travail in child bearing.

Pliny the Elder

❁ ❁ ❁

The greatest evil is physical pain.

Saint Augustine of Hippo

❁ ❁ ❁

I knew that suffering did not ennoble; it degraded. It made men selfish, mean, petty and suspicious. It absorbed them in small things...it made them less than men.

Somerset Maugham

❁ ❁ ❁

Oh, torture. Torture. My pubic hairs went gray.

Steven Spielberg

❁ ❁ ❁

Oh! When I have the gout, I feel as if I was walking on my eyeballs.

Sydney Smith

❁ ❁ ❁

I lead a most dyspeptic, solitary, self-shrouded life:

consuming, if possible in silence, my considerable daily allotment of pain.

Thomas Carlyle

❁ ❁ ❁

If suffer we must, let's suffer on the heights.

Victor Hugo

❁ ❁ ❁

I am learning to care for the unfortunate.

Virgil

❁ ❁ ❁

LEAR Poor naked wretches, wheresoe'er you are,
That bide the pelting of this pitiless storm,
How shall your houseless heads and unfed sides,
Your loop'd and window'd raggedness, defend you
From seasons such as these?

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

LEAR Take physic, pomp;
Expose thyself to feel what wretches feel.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

GLOUCESTER O ruin'd piece of nature! This great world
Should so wear out to nought.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

LEAR Thou art a soul in bliss; but I am bound
Upon a wheel of fire, that mine own tears

Do scald like molten lead.

William Shakespeare

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William Shakespeare

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Remember that pain has this most excellent quality: if prolonged it cannot be severe, and if severe it cannot be prolonged.

Lucius Annaeus Seneca ("the Younger")

❁ ❁ ❁

Suicide

I never see that prettiest thing—
A cherry bough gone white with Spring—
But what I think, How gay 'twould be
To hang me from a flowering tree.

Dorothy Parker

❁ ❁ ❁

The thought of suicide is a great source of comfort: with it a calm passage is to be made across many a bad night.

Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

❁ ❁ ❁

ANTONY The miserable change now at my end
Lament nor sorrow at; but please your thoughts
In feeding them with those my former fortunes

Wherein I liv'd the greatest prince o' the world,
The noblest; and do now not basely die,
Not cowardly put off my helmet to
My countryman; a Roman by a Roman
Valiantly vanquished.

William Shakespeare

CLEOPATRA My desolation does begin to make
A better life. 'Tis paltry to be Caesar;
Not being Fortune, he's but Fortune's knave,
A minister of her will; and it is great
To do that thing that ends all other deeds,
Which shackles accidents, and bolts up change,
Which sleeps, and never palates more the dug,
The beggar's nurse and Caesar's.

William Shakespeare

CAESAR She hath pursu'd conclusions infinite
Of easy ways to die.

William Shakespeare

CLEOPATRA Dost thou not see my baby at my breast
That sucks the nurse asleep?

William Shakespeare

I am the only man in the world who cannot commit suicide.

Chad Varah

HORATIO I am more antique Roman than a Dane.

William Shakespeare

The strangest whim has seized me...After all
I think I will not hang myself today.

G. K. Chesterton

HAMLET To be, or not to be—that is the question;
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer
The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,
Or to take arms against a sea of troubles,
And by opposing end them? To die, to sleep—
No more; and by a sleep to say we end
The heart-ache and the thousand natural shocks
That flesh is heir to, 'tis a consummation
Devoutly to be wish'd. To die, to sleep;
To sleep, perchance to dream. Ay, there's the rub;
For in that sleep of death what dreams may come,
When we have shuffled off this mortal coil,
Must give us pause.

William Shakespeare

Done because we are too menny.

Thomas Hardy

Razors pain you
Rivers are damp;
Acids stain you;

And drugs cause cramp.
Guns aren't lawful;
Nooses give;
Gas smells awful;
You might as well live.

Dorothy Parker

❁ ❁ ❁

No one ever lacks a good reason for suicide.

Cesare Pavese

❁ ❁ ❁

Amid the miseries of our life on earth, suicide is God's best gift to man.

Pliny the Elder

❁ ❁ ❁

If you must commit suicide...always contrive to do it as decorously as possible; the decencies, whether of life or of death, should never be lost sight of.

George Henry Borrow

❁ ❁ ❁

"My father he is on the seas,—my mother's dead and gone!
And I am here, on this here pier to roam the world alone;
I have not had, this live-long day, one drop to cheer my heart,
Nor brown to buy a bit of bread with,—let alone a tart.
If there's a soul will give me food, or find me an

employ,
By day or night, then blow me tight!" (he was a vulgar Boy;)
"And now I'm here, from this here pier it is my fix'd intent
To jump, as Mister Levi did from off the Monument!"

Richard Harris Barham

❁ ❁ ❁

There is but one truly serious philosophical problem, and that is suicide. Judging whether life is, or is not worth living amounts to answering the fundamental question of philosophy.

Albert Camus

❁ ❁ ❁

As soon as one does not kill oneself, one must keep silent about life.

Albert Camus

❁ ❁ ❁

To run away from trouble is a form of cowardice and, while it is true that the suicide braves death, he does it not for some noble object but to escape some ill.

Aristotle

❁ ❁ ❁

Self-destruction is the effect of cowardice in the highest extreme.

Daniel Defoe

❁ ❁ ❁

However great a man's fear of life...suicide remains

the courageous act, the clear-headed act of a mathematician. The suicide has judged by the laws of chance—so many odds against one, that to live will be more miserable than to die. His sense of mathematics is greater than his sense of survival.

Graham Greene

❁ ❁ ❁

The prevalence of suicide is a test of height in civilization; it means that the population is winding up its nervous and intellectual system to the utmost point of tension and that sometimes it snaps.

Havelock Ellis

❁ ❁ ❁

Suicide is not a remedy.

James A Garfield

❁ ❁ ❁

If I had the use of my body I would throw it out of the window.

Samuel Beckett

❁ ❁ ❁

How many people have wanted to kill themselves, and have been contented with tearing up their photograph!

Jules Renard

❁ ❁ ❁

I take it that no man is educated who has never dallied with the thought of suicide.

William James

❁ ❁ ❁

Hatred and the feeling of solidarity pay a high psychological dividend. The statistics of suicide show that, for noncombatants at least, life is more interesting in war than in peace.

William Ralph Inge

❁ ❁ ❁

She drank Prussic acid without any water,
And died like a Duke-and-a-Duchess's daughter!

Richard Harris Barham

❁ ❁ ❁

OTHELLO Set you down this;
And say besides, that in Aleppo once,
Where a malignant and a turban'd Turk
Beat a Venetian and traduc'd the state,
I took by the throat the circumcised dog,
And smote him thus.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

There are many who dare not kill themselves for fear of what the neighbours might say.

Cyril Connolly

❁ ❁ ❁

It is against the law to commit suicide in this man's town...although what the law can do to a guy who commits suicide I am never able to figure out.

Damon Runyon

❁ ❁ ❁

When you're between any sort of devil and the deep

blue sea, the deep blue sea sometimes looks very inviting.

Terence Rattigan

❁ ❁ ❁

Thirst

And pines with thirst amidst a sea of waves.

Alexander Pope

❁ ❁ ❁

Transience

And slowly answer'd Arthur from the barge:
"The old order changeth, yielding place to new,
And God fulfils himself in many ways..."

Alfred Lord Tennyson

❁ ❁ ❁

The woods decay, the woods decay and fall,
The vapours weep their burthen to the ground,
Man comes and tills the field and lies beneath,
And after many a summer dies the swan.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

❁ ❁ ❁

Faith, Sir, we are here to-day, and gone tomorrow.

Aphra Behn

❁ ❁ ❁

Now the peak of summer's past, the sky is overcast
And the love we swore would last for an age seems deceit.

C. Day-Lewis

❁ ❁ ❁

But she was of the world where the fairest things have the worst fate. Like a rose, she has lived as long as roses live, the space of one morning.

François de Malherbe

HUMAN CONDITION, THE

Transience

I made a posy while the day ran by:
Here will I smell my remnant out, and tie
My life within this band.
But Time did beckon to the flowers, and they
By noon most cunningly did steal away,
And withered in my hand.

George Herbert

❁ ❁ ❁

Will anyone, a hundred years from now, consent to live in the houses the Victorians built, travel by their roads or railways, value the furnishings they made to live among or esteem, except for curious or historial reasons, their prevalent art and the clipped and limited literature that satisfied their souls?

H. G. Wells

❁ ❁ ❁

Ships that pass in the night, and speak each other in passing;
Only a signal shown and a distant voice in the darkness;
So on the ocean of life we pass and speak one another,

Only a look and a voice; then darkness again and a silence.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

❁ ❁ ❁

Life's short span forbids us to enter on far-reaching hopes.

Horace

❁ ❁ ❁

Not to hope for things to last for ever, is what the year teaches and even the hour which snatches a nice day away.

Horace

❁ ❁ ❁

What is fame? an empty bubble;
Gold? a transient, shining trouble.

James Grainger

❁ ❁ ❁

Where's the cheek that doth not fade,
Too much gaz'd at? Where's the maid
Whose lip mature is ever new?

John Keats

❁ ❁ ❁

How fading are the joys we dote upon!
Like apparitions seen and gone.
But those which soonest take their flight
Are the most exquisite and strong,
Like angels' visits, short and bright;

Mortality's too weak to bear them long.

John Norris

❁ ❁ ❁

Come, fill the Cup, and in the Fire of Spring
The Winter Garment of Repentance fling:
The Bird of Time has but a little way
To fly—and Lo! the Bird is on the Wing.

Omar Khayyám

❁ ❁ ❁

The Worldly Hope men set their Hearts upon
Turns Ashes—or it prospers; and anon,
Like Snow upon the Desert's dusty Face,
Lighting a little Hour or two—is gone.

Omar Khayyám

❁ ❁ ❁

One thing is certain, that Life flies;
One thing is certain, and the Rest is Lies;
The Flower that once has blown for ever dies.

Omar Khayyám

❁ ❁ ❁

Ah, fill the Cup:—what boots it to repeat
How Time is slipping underneath our Feet:
Unborn TO-MORROW, and dead YESTERDAY,
Why fret about them if TO-DAY be sweet!

Omar Khayyám

❁ ❁ ❁

Suddenly, as rare things will, it vanished.

Robert Browning

❁ ❁ ❁

Fair daffodils, we weep to see
You haste away so soon:
As yet the early-rising sun
Has not attain'd his noon.
Stay, stay,
Until the hasting day
Has run
But to the even-song;
And, having pray'd together, we
Will go with you along.
We have short time to stay, as you,
We have as short a Spring;
As quick a growth to meet decay,
As you or any thing.

Robert Herrick

❁ ❁ ❁

Gather ye rosebuds while ye may,
Old time is still a-flying:
And this same flower that smiles today
Tomorrow will be dying.

Robert Herrick

❁ ❁ ❁

It was a dream of perfect bliss,
Too beautiful to last.

Thomas Haynes Bayly

❁ ❁ ❁

JAQUES And so, from hour to hour, we ripe and ripe,

And then, from hour to hour, we rot and rot;
And thereby hangs a tale.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

HOTSPUR The time of life is short;
To spend that shortness basely were too long.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

PERICLES O you gods!
Why do you make us love your goodly gifts
And snatch them straight away?

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

The painful warrior famoused for fight,
After a thousand victories once foil'd,
Is from the book of honour razed quite,
And all the rest forgot for which he toil'd.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

Like as the waves make towards the pebbled shore,
So do our minutes hasten to their end.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

AGAMEMNON What's past, and what's to come is strew'd with husks
And formless ruin of oblivion.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

KING But that I know love is begun by time,
And that I see, in passages of proof,
Time qualifies the spark and fire of it.
There lives within the very flame of love
A kind of wick or snuff that will abate it,
And nothing is at a like goodness still;
For goodness, growing to a pleurisy,
Dies in his own too-much.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

O that you were yourself! But, love, you are
No longer yours than you your self here live.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

When forty winters shall besiege thy brow,
And dig deep trenches in thy beauty's field.

William Shakespeare

❁ ❁ ❁

Though nothing can bring back the hour
Of splendour in the grass, of glory in the flower;
We will grieve not, rather find
Strength in what remains behind.

William Wordsworth

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Violence

There is nothing in our book, The Koran, that teaches us to suffer peacefully. Our religion teaches us to be intelligent. Be peaceful, be courteous, obey the law, respect everyone, but, if someone puts his hand on you, send him to the cemetery. That's a good religion.

Malcolm X

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Remove your pants before resorting to violence.

Yoko Ono

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There is a violence that liberates, and a violence that enslaves; there is a violence that is moral and a violence that is immoral.

Benito Amilcare Andrea Mussolini

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Violence is like money in the bank; it's only helpful if you don't have to use it.

Nikki Giovanni

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We are effectively destroying ourselves by violence masquerading as love.

R. D. Laing

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I would be quite happy for men to hit women if there was a law saying that women could carry guns.

Because then, if a man hit you, you could shoot him.

Jo Brand

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In Japan, we live life with no guns. We hope that you too can live life without guns.

Masaichi Hattori

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Brute force, the law of violence, rules to a great extent in the poor man's domicile; and woman is little more than his drudge.

Sarah Moore Grimké

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In an accident-prone, suicidal and conflict-ridden age, violence is a savage masquerade, is it not? It feeds on a void of sacrament and on the infliction of humiliation and shadow. It not only feeds on these but remains blind to the pressures to which it is addicted.

Wilson Harris

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The only difference is that the stress and the violence is worse at home, because it happens younger, it happens at the hands of someone you love, and there is no recognition that this is the enemy.

Gloria Steinem

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Today the choice is no longer between violence and

nonviolence. It is either nonviolence or nonexistence.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Violence in real life is terrible; violence in the movies can be cool. It's just another color to work with.

Quentin Tarantino

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Please, we can get along here. We can all get along. We've just got to. I mean we're all stuck here for a while. Let's try to work it out.

Rodney King

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It has always been my belief that I, too, will die by violence. I have done all that I can to be prepared.

Malcolm X

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Black power does not mean violence, but it does not mean total nonviolence. It does not mean that you walk with a chip on your shoulder, but you walk letting the chips fly where they may.

Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

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The wish to hurt, the momentary intoxication with pain, is the loophole through which the pervert climbs into the minds of ordinary men.

Jacob Bronowski

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The gains of violence are transient, the fruits of patience are imperishable.

Kwame Nkrumah

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Keep violence in the mind where it belongs.

Brian Aldiss

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One should always believe the other side is capable of doing anything it says.

Ishmael Reed

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If violence is as American as apple pie, then Europe provided the oven, because on the public buildings, in the churches, and in the painting there are scenes of violence.

Ishmael Reed

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Violence is American as apple pie. The only position for women in SNCC is prone.

Kwame Touré

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The need for us to take up arms will never transform us into prisoners of the idea of violence.

Oliver Tambo

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The idea is to hit your opponent, to batter him if necessary. If you don't, he'll hit and batter you. Every so often a boxer dies. Whenever that happens,

some people like to shout that boxing should be outlawed, that it's unnecessarily brutal. ... But an occasional death doesn't mean a sport should be abolished. If that were the case, auto racing should be abolished. So should football.

Sugar Ray Robinson

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I can hurt anybody. The question is, can I hurt him enough?

Sugar Ray Robinson

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OTHELLO Every puny whipster gets my sword.

William Shakespeare

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